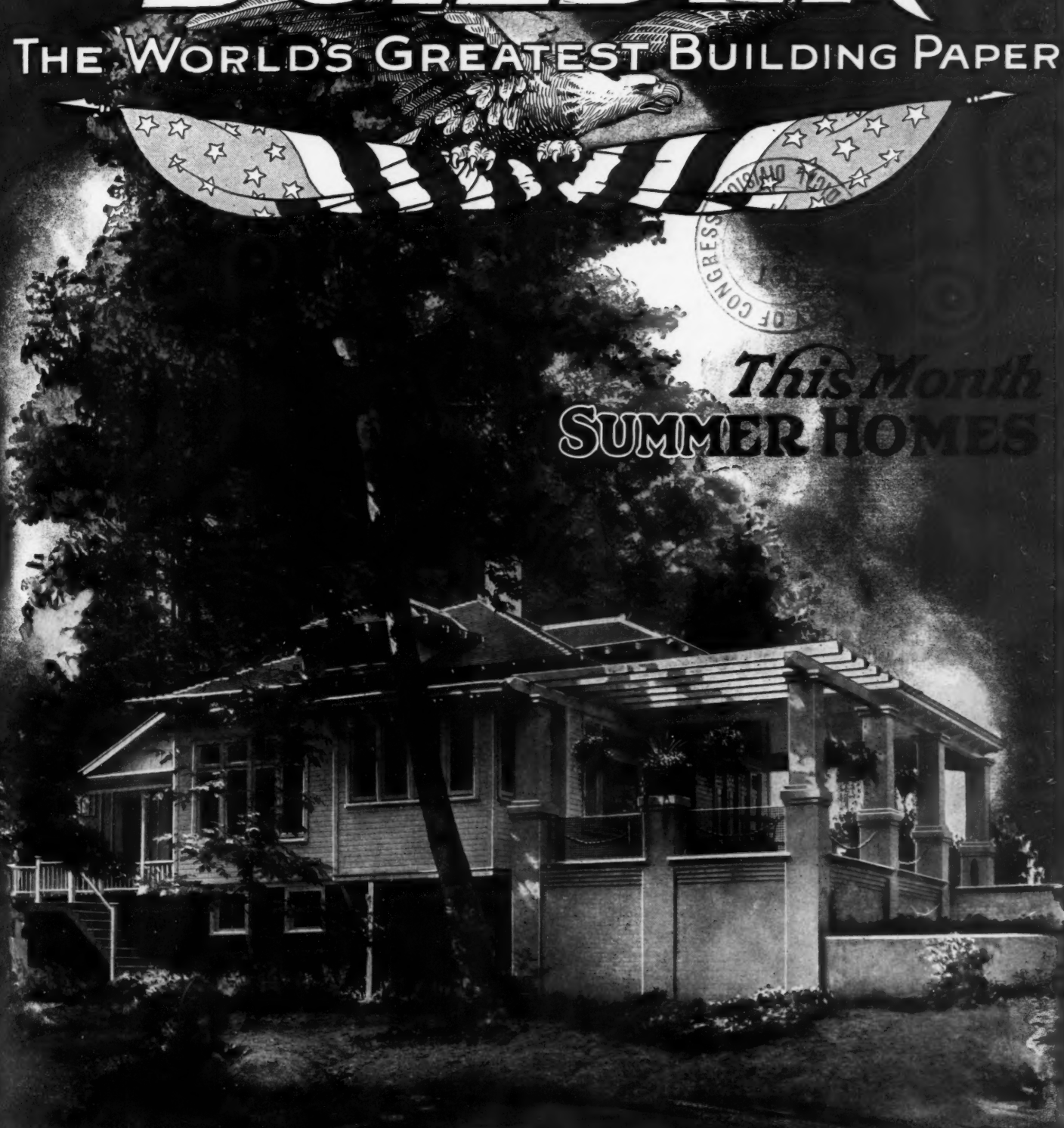


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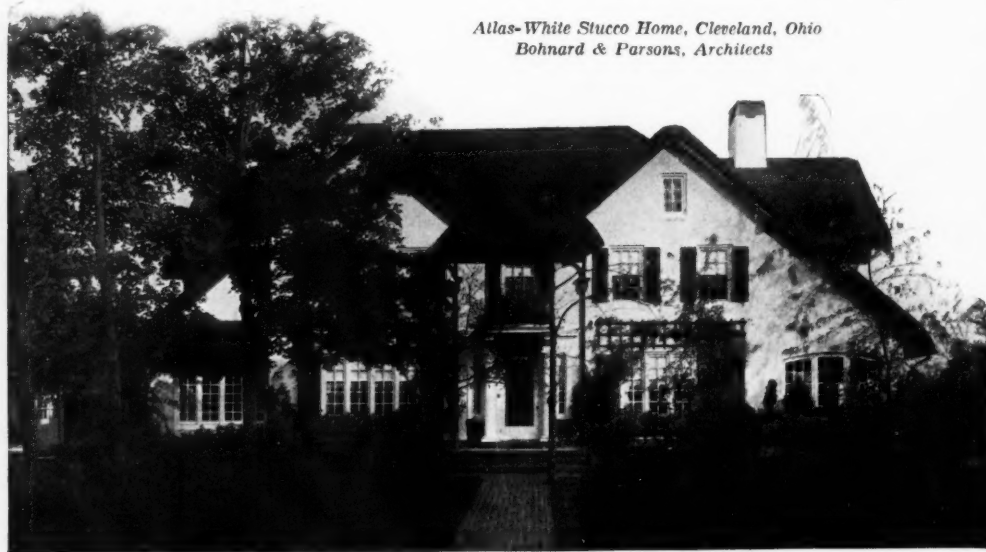
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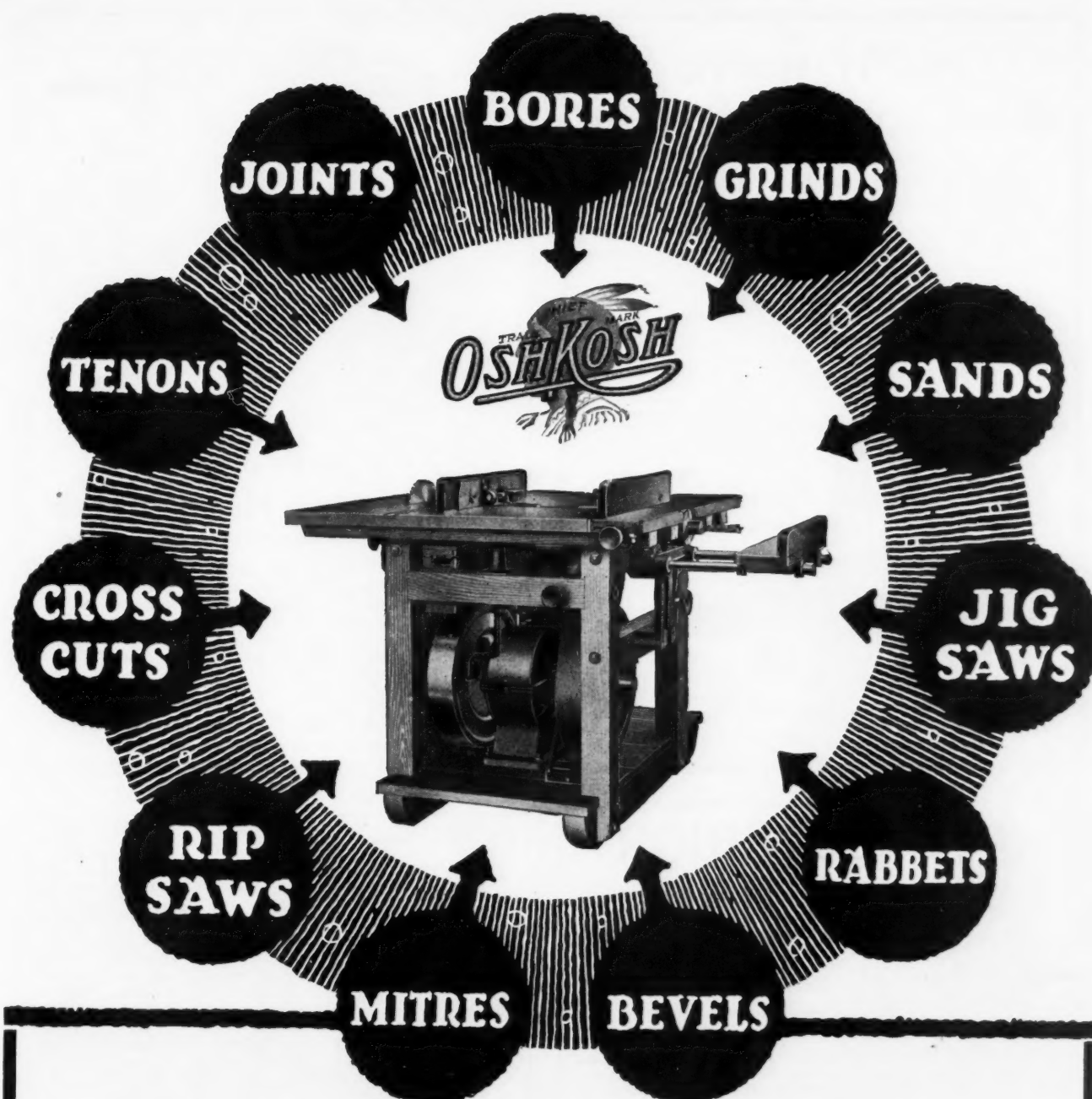
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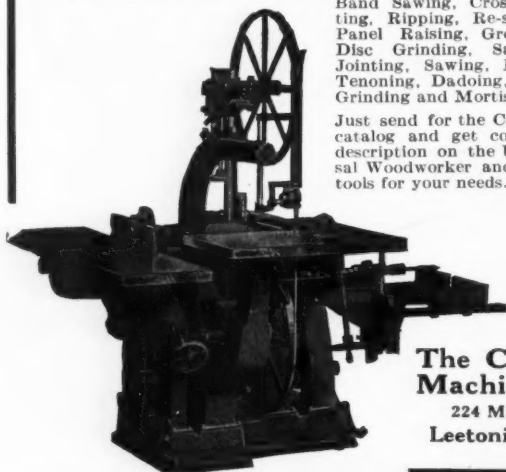
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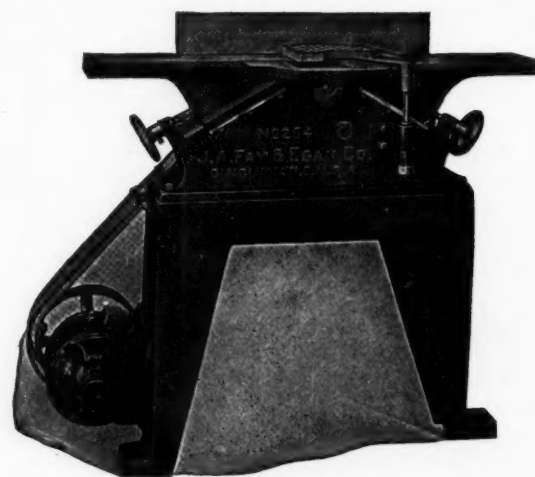
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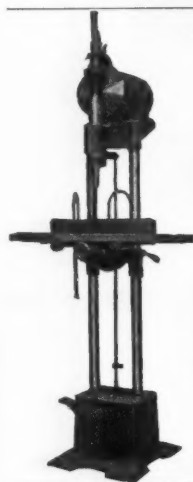


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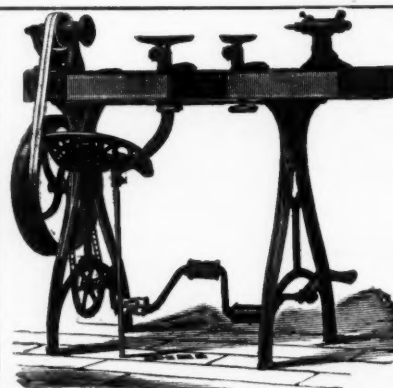


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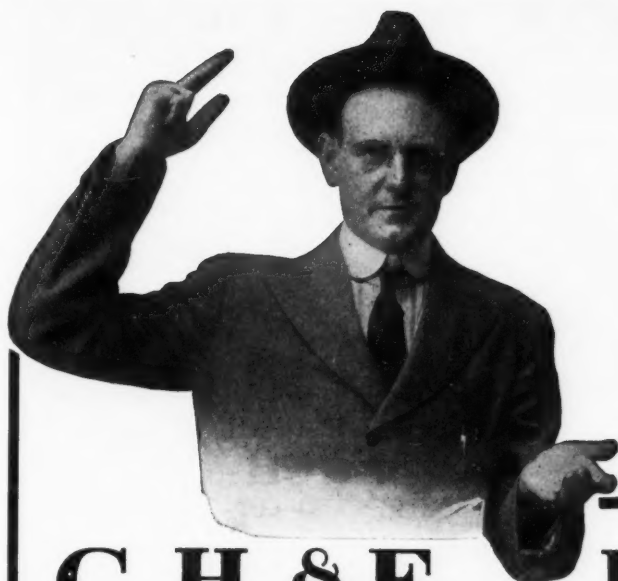
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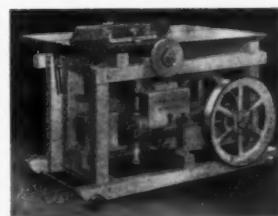
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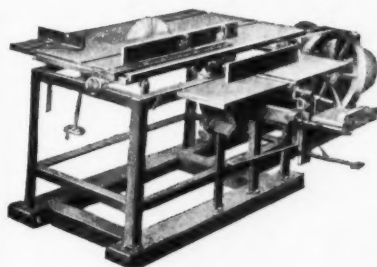
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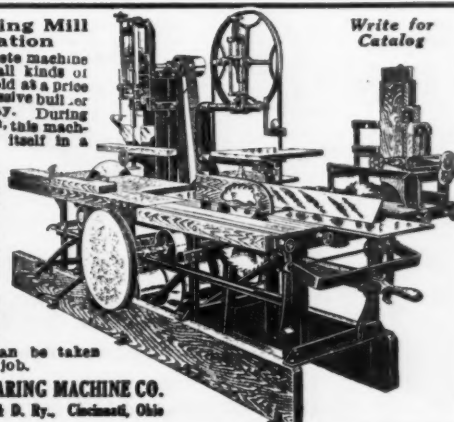
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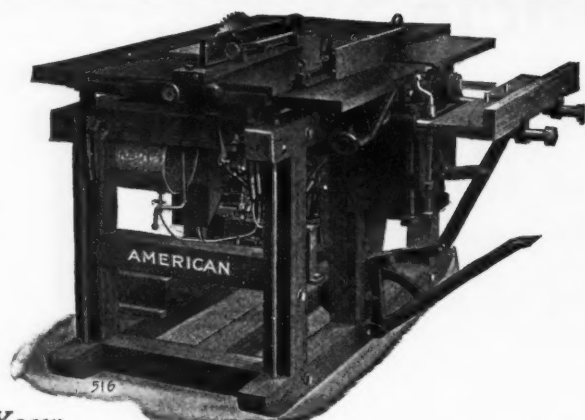
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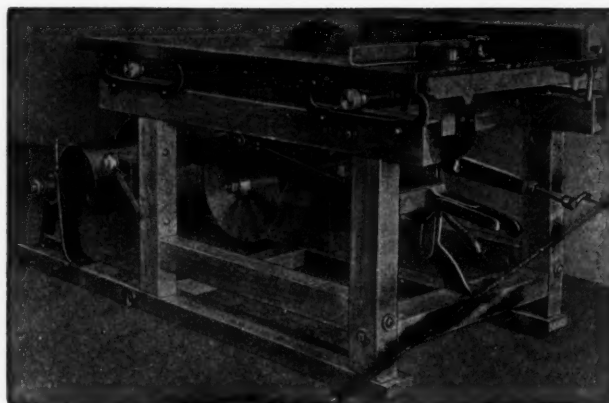


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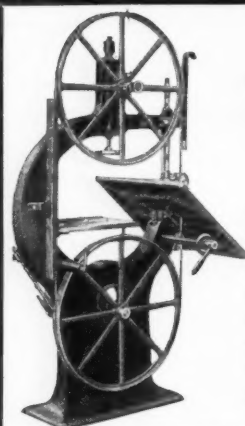
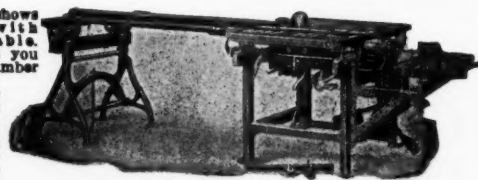


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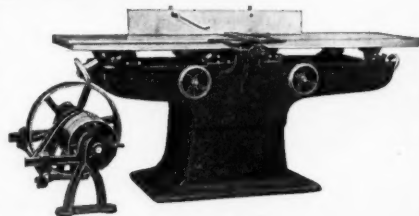


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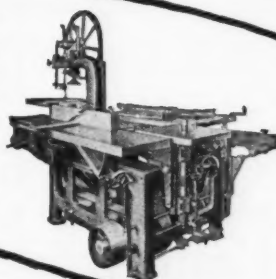
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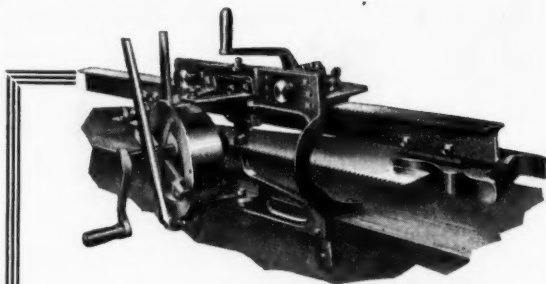


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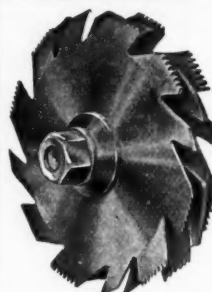
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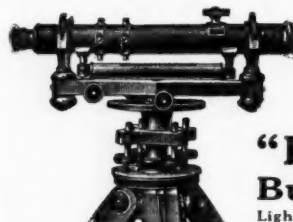
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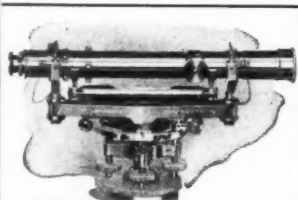


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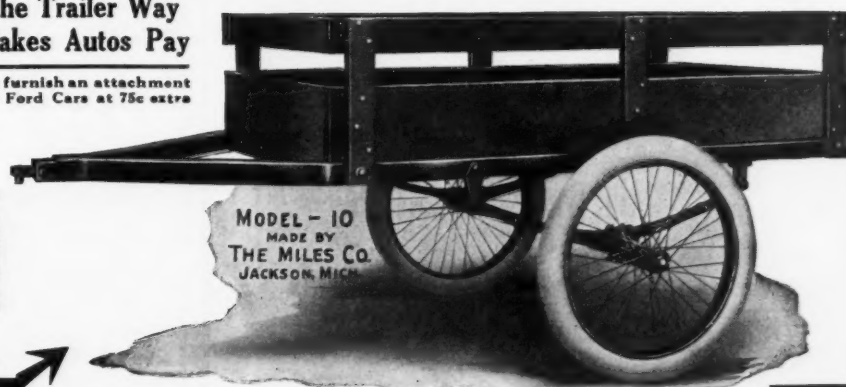
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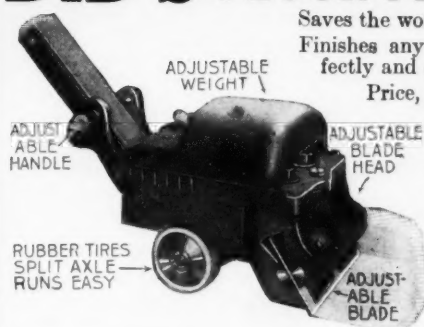
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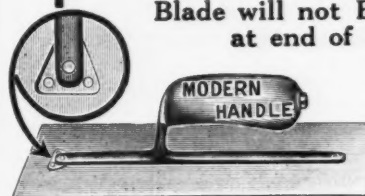
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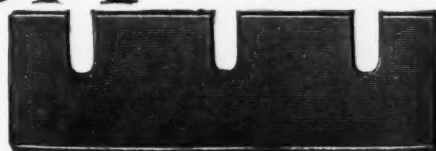


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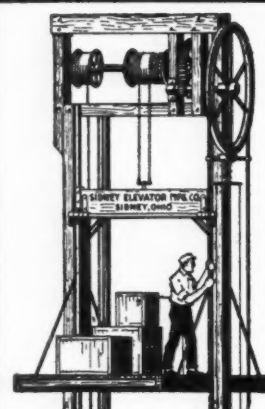
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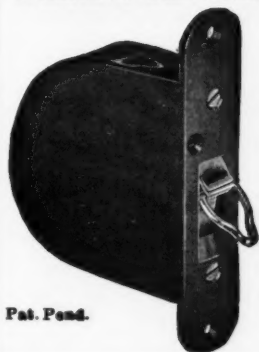
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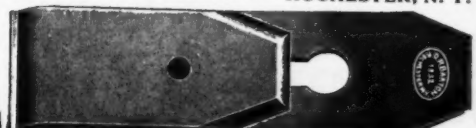
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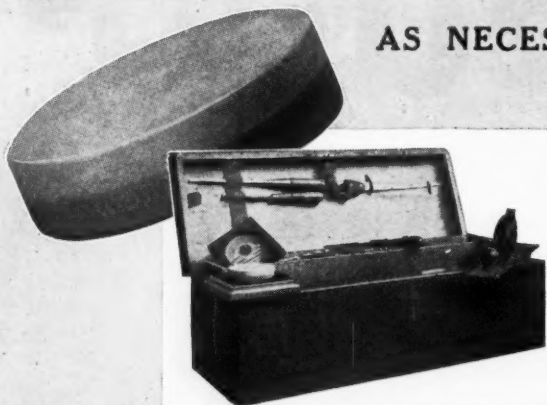
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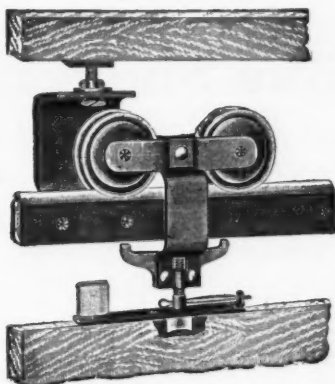


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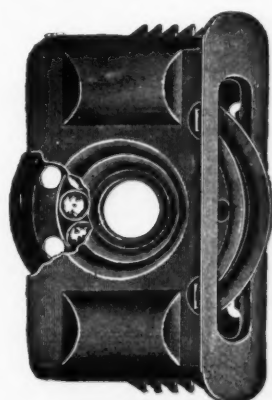
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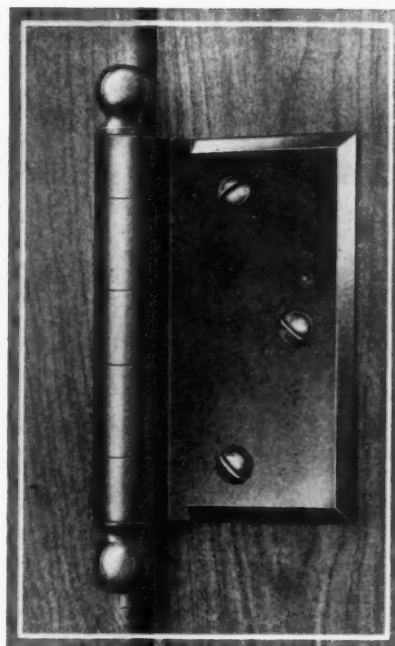
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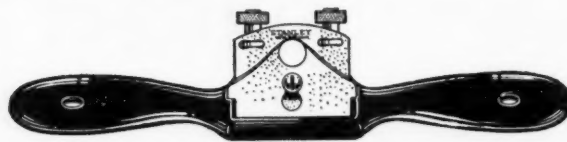
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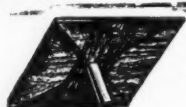
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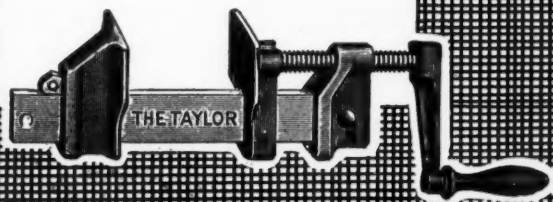
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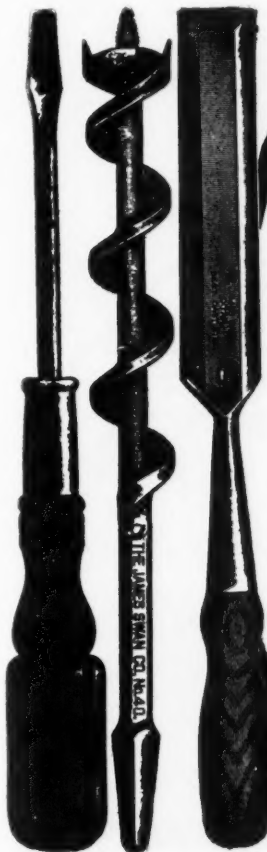
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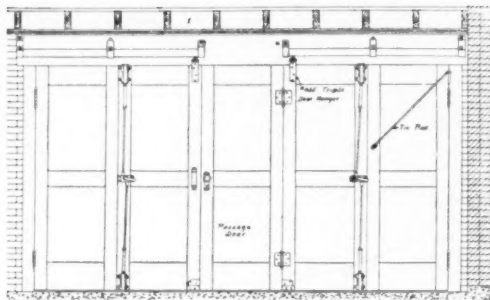


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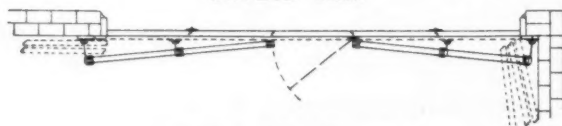
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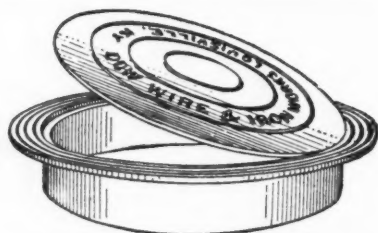
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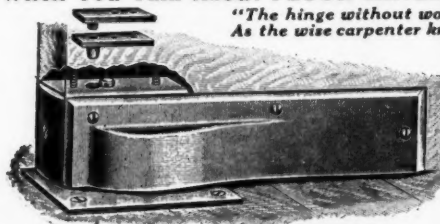


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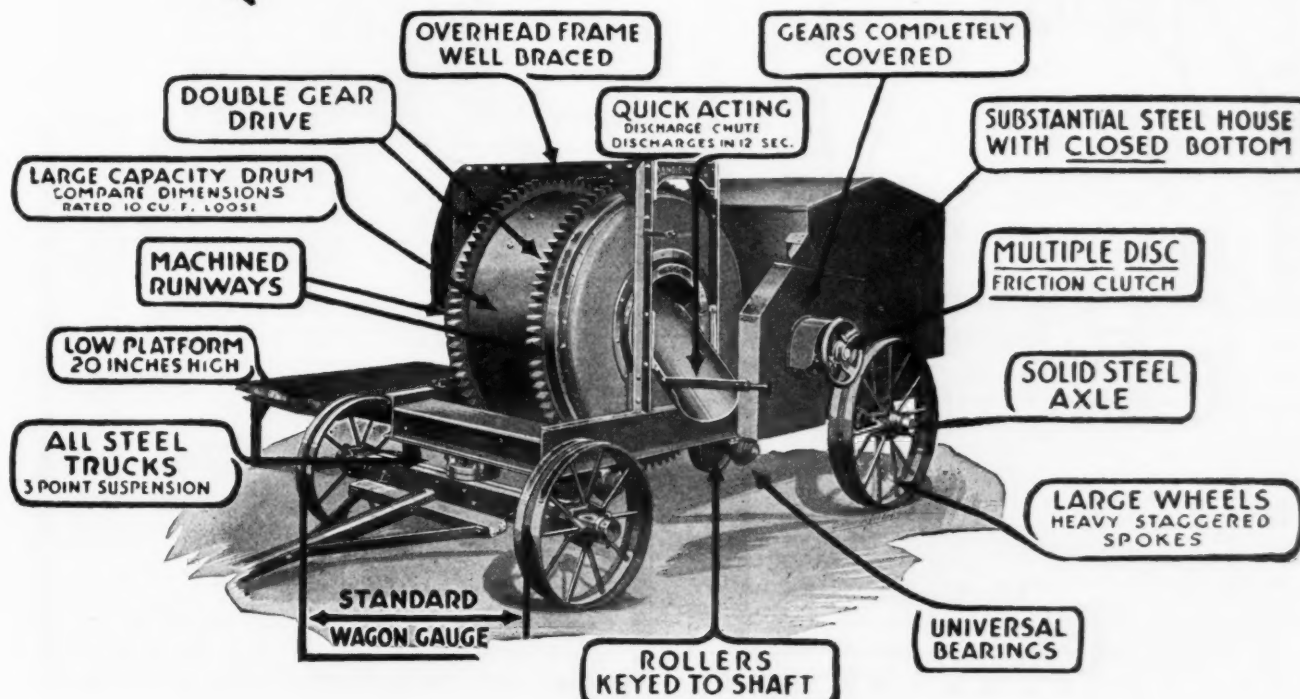
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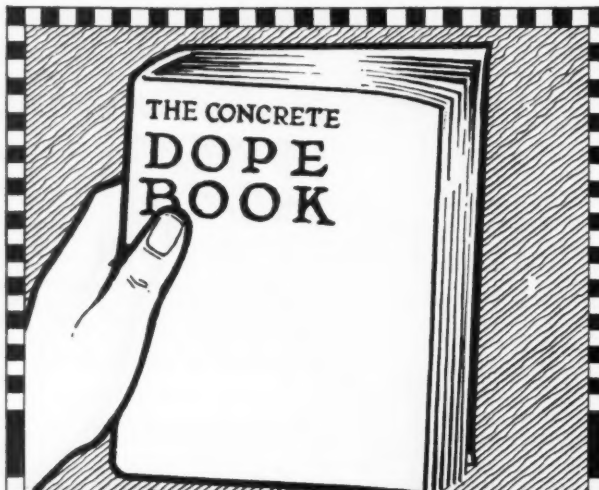
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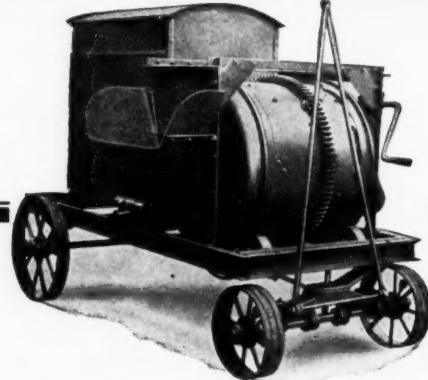
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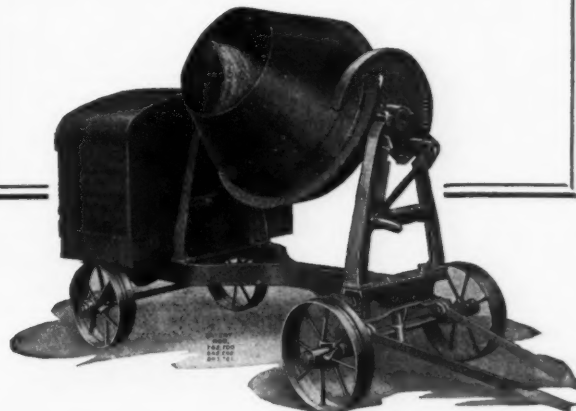
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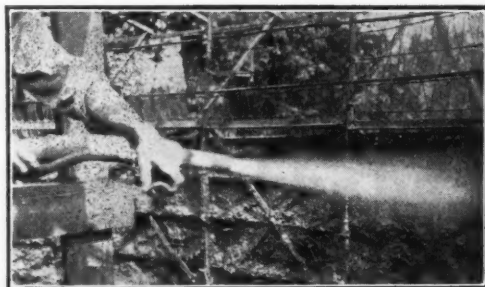
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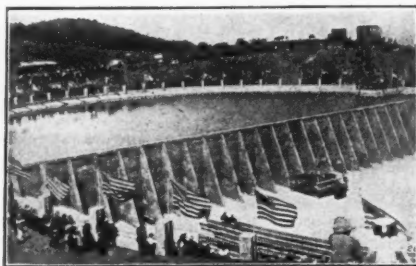




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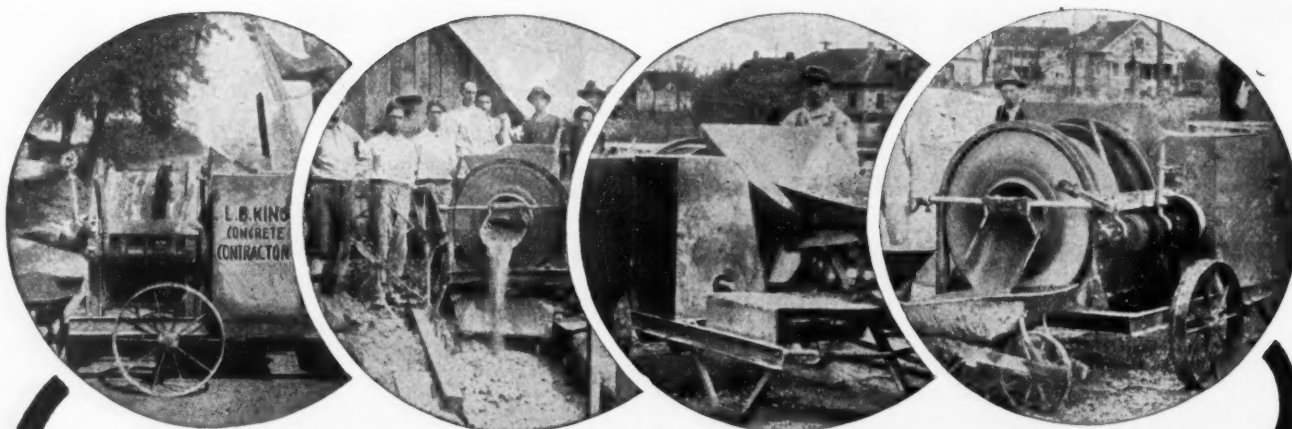
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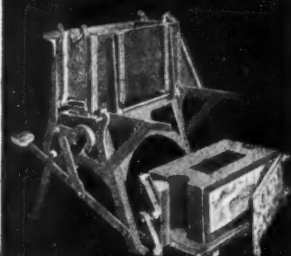
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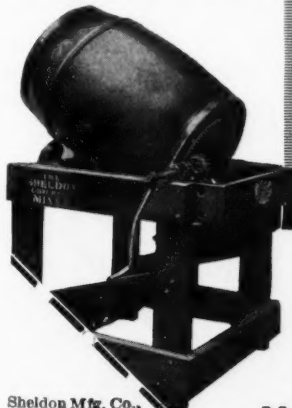
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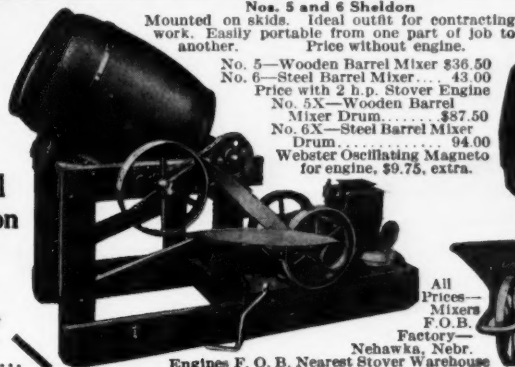


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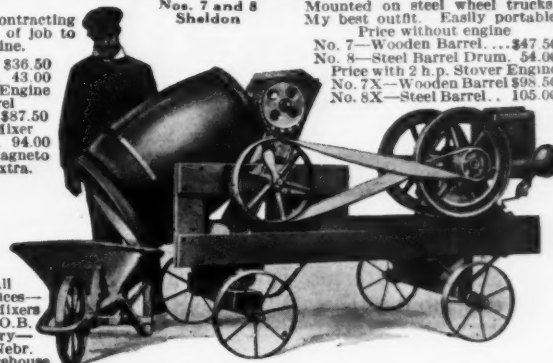
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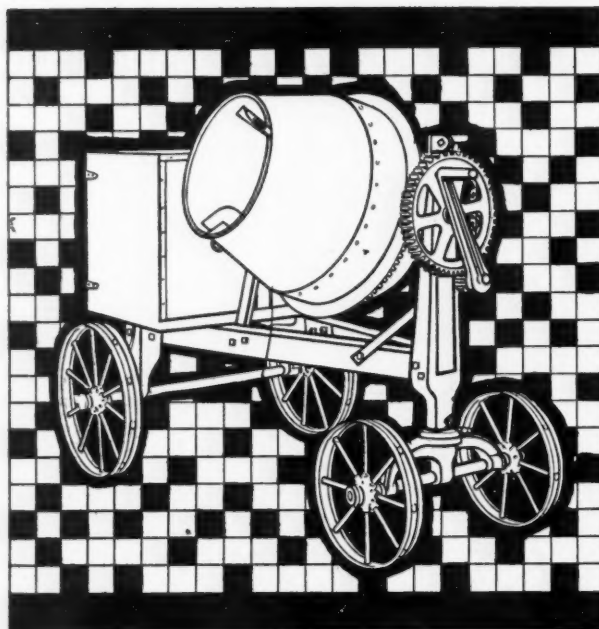
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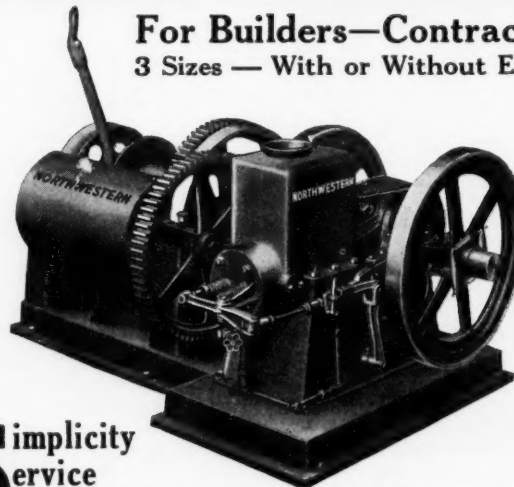
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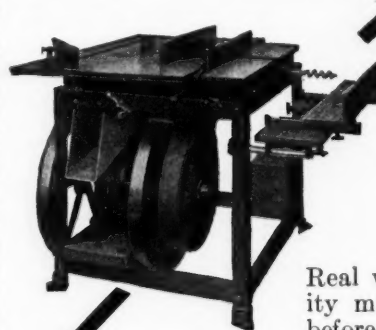
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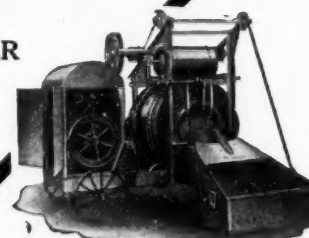
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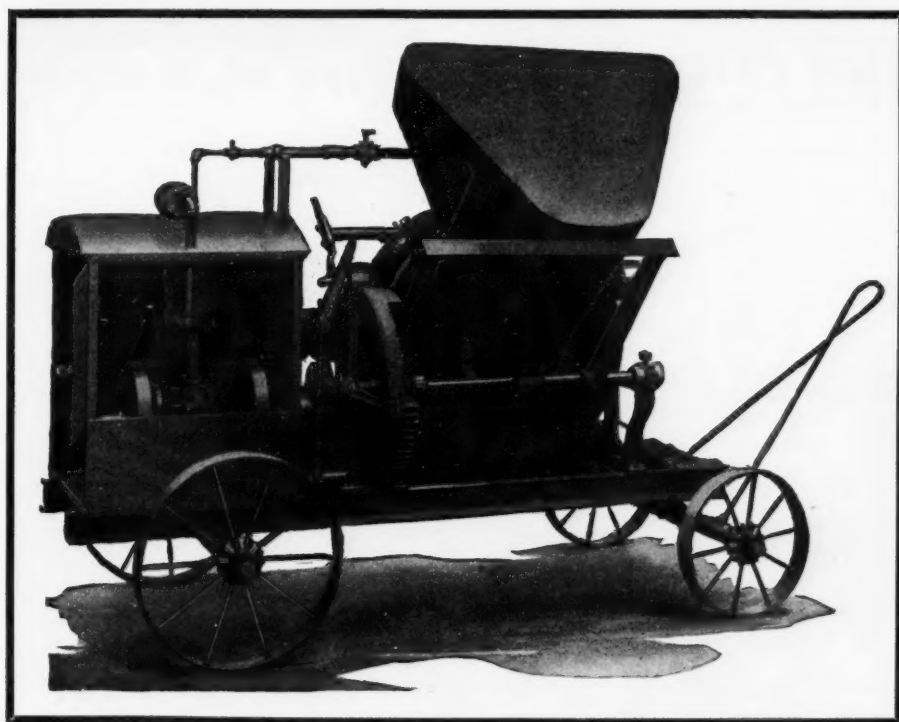
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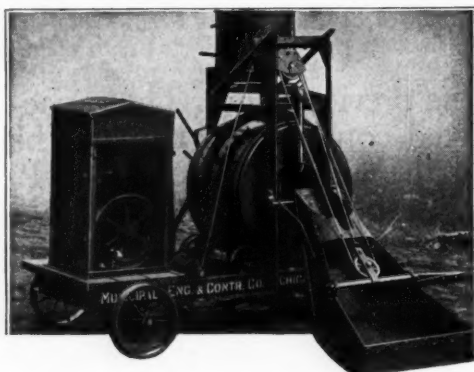
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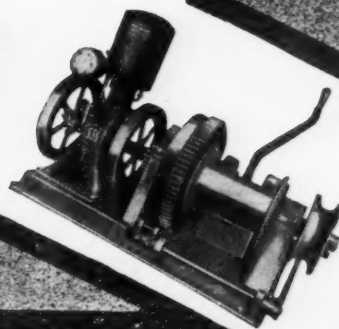
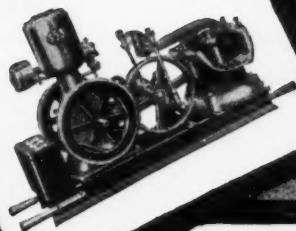
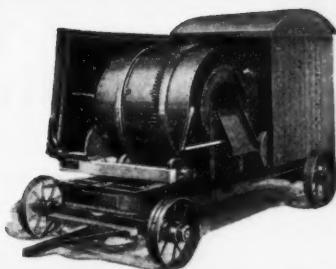
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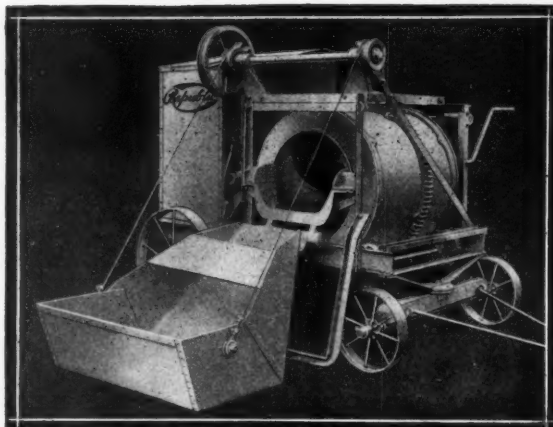
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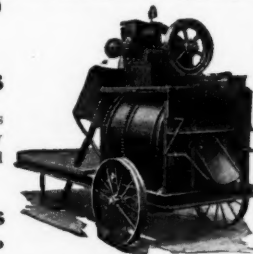
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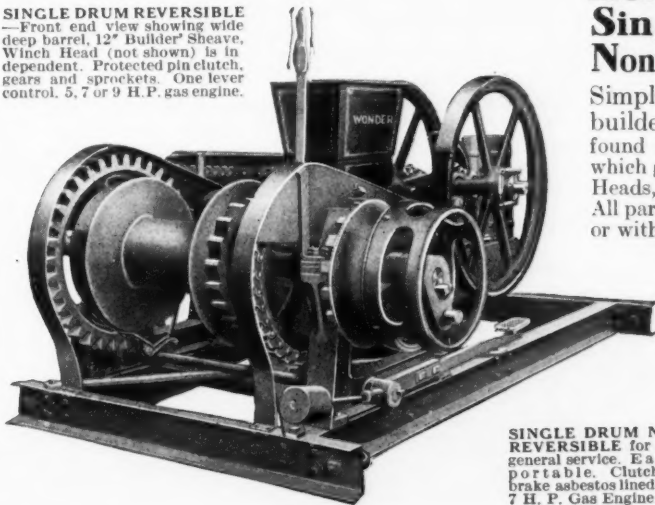




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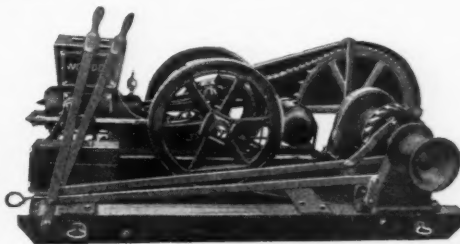
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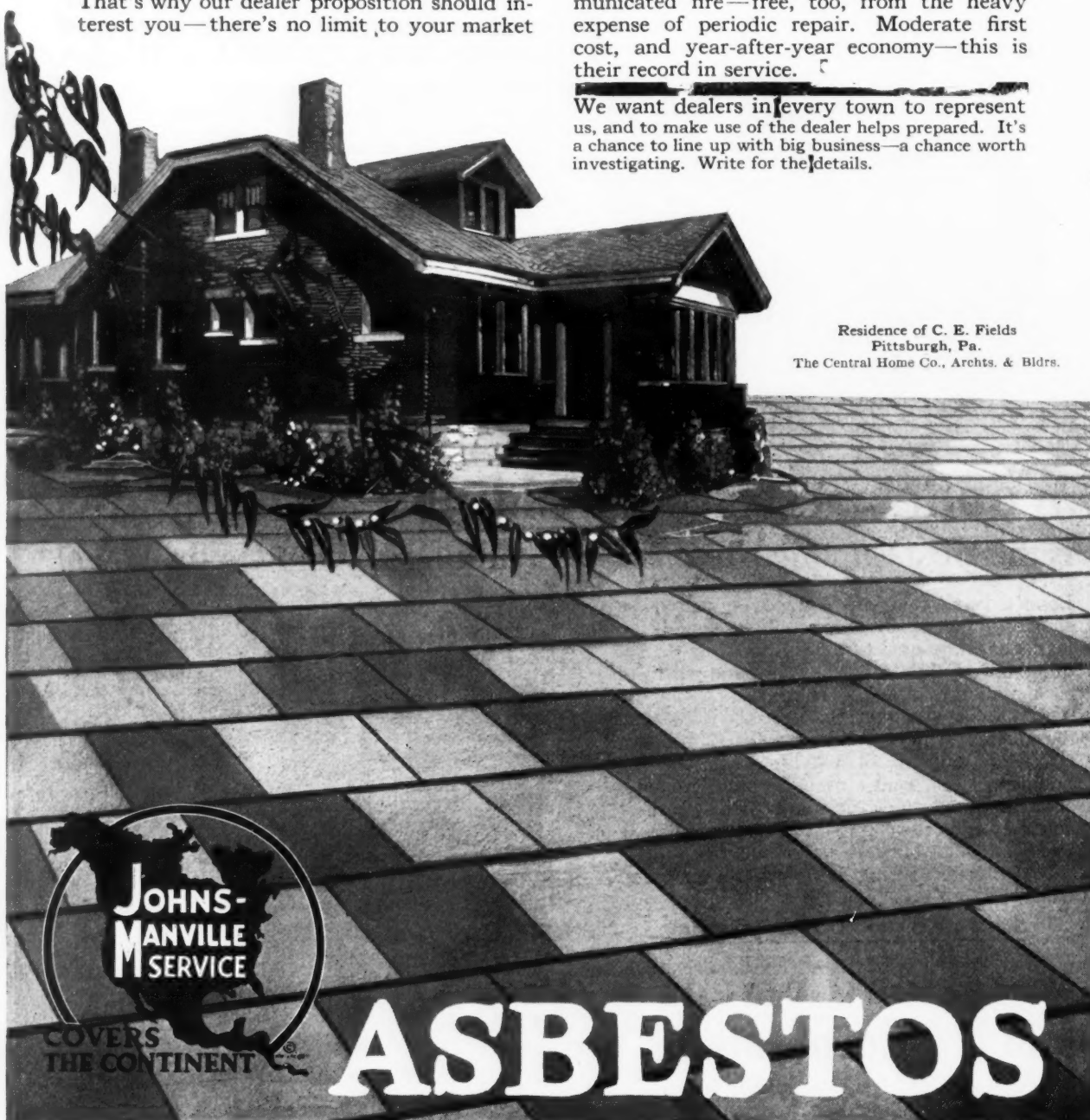
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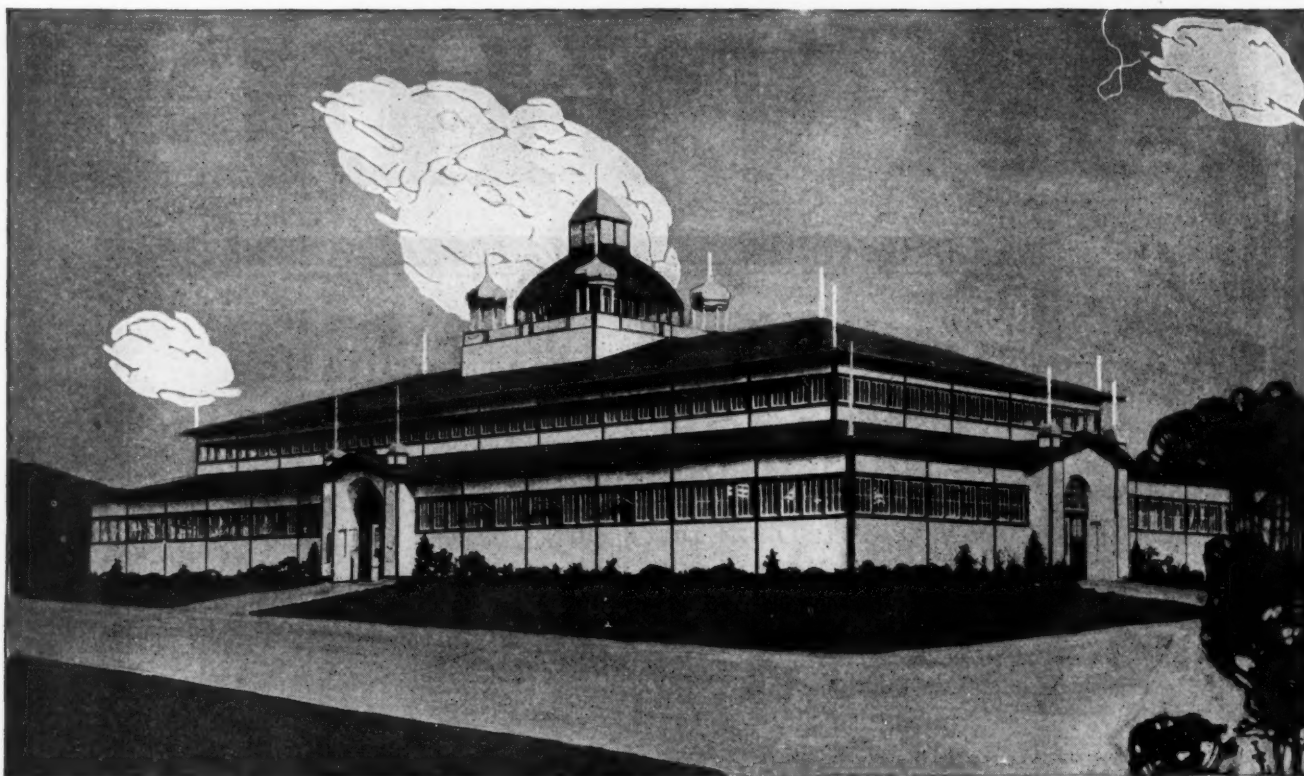
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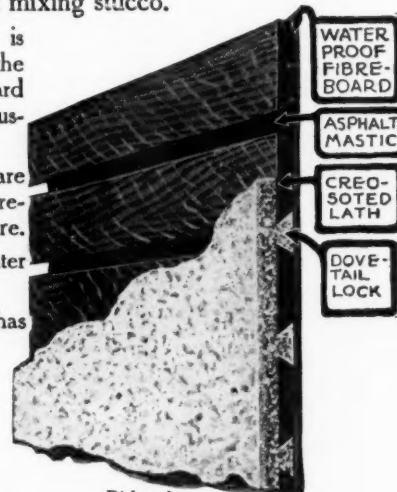
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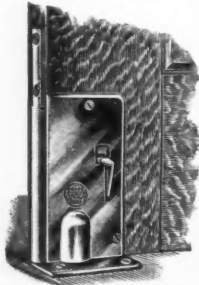
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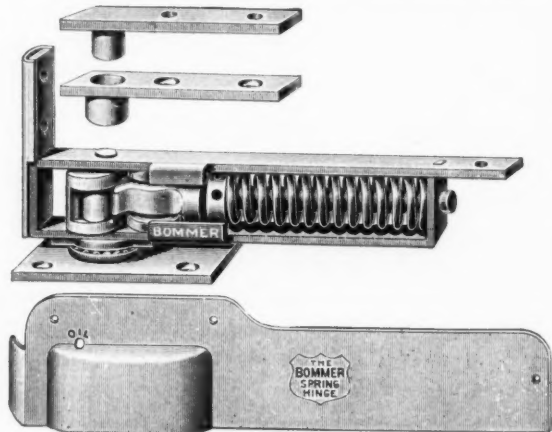
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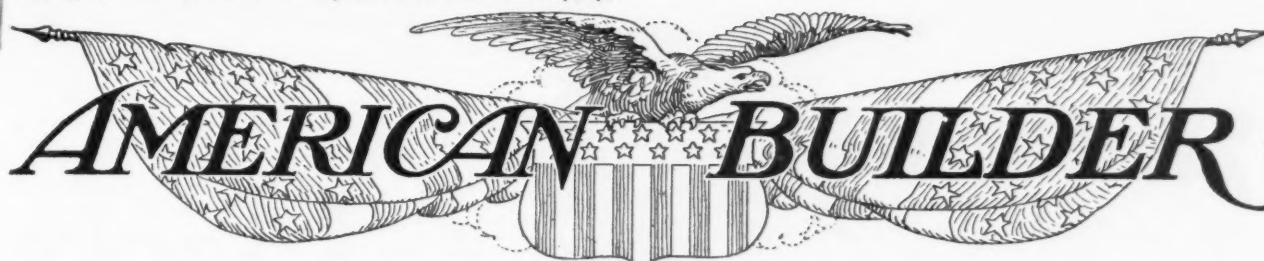
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**Constructive America**

**A** SPEAKER at a recent gathering in Chicago said that there is a science of construction as well as a science of destruction. The United States has gone further than any other country in the science of construction; the world has been benefited more by the constructiveness of America than that of any other country. We practically have neglected the science of destruction. We are essentially a constructive nation. We do not care to expend our energies and our skill and our inventiveness along lines of destruction.

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**A**BOUT that improvement you are planning—  
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# Camps & Shacks

## The Summer Home As An Investment

**T**HE book that placed Noah Webster in the list of great Americans states that a vacation is a period of leisure or rest. There is an annual period in the lives of a great many people which they are wont to term a "vacation," but which comes a great way from conforming with Webster's definition of the word. During this period the savings of many days or months are spent for the evident purpose of producing headaches and tired feelings which require an additional period, at least equal to the so-called vacation, for their cure. All that remains are the thoughts of a "strenuous time."

Why can't a vacation be a profitable investment?

Those who have given the matter serious thought are agreed that it can be made so. The full value of a vacation is obtained—the vacation is spent in a manner which makes it a profitable investment—when the period is spent in activities which are entirely different from those of the work-a-day life, in activities which will build up the strength of the body and rest the mind. How may this be done?

There is hardly a better way to do this than to spend the vacation period near to Nature, by some stream or lake or in the woods. The fundamental habits of living cannot be changed, however, without discomfort; the average man who spends his vacation

in this way requires some sort of a house to live in, a comfortable bed and a few of the modern conveniences which he is used to the enjoyment of in his home. The basic requirement is the house and when he has provided himself with this, he has made a profitable investment. Profitable, in that it provides the means of obtaining the pleasure which he seeks; profitable, in that the time which he spends under its roof and in its vicinity fits him to attack his work, after the vacation is over, with a new vigor; profitable, in that it represents an estate which is easily turned back into cash, in most cases, if necessity demands.

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The type of construction is very simple. Wood seems to carry the



Main Lodge Hall of Chicago Rod and Gun Club at Lake Sheshebogama, Wisconsin. On Each Side are Three Bedrooms Containing Two Beds Each. This Main Room is 20 by 30 Feet, With Smooth Hardwood Floor. Most of the Furniture is Rustic, Made of Native Elm and Birch. Walls are Finished with Wallboard.

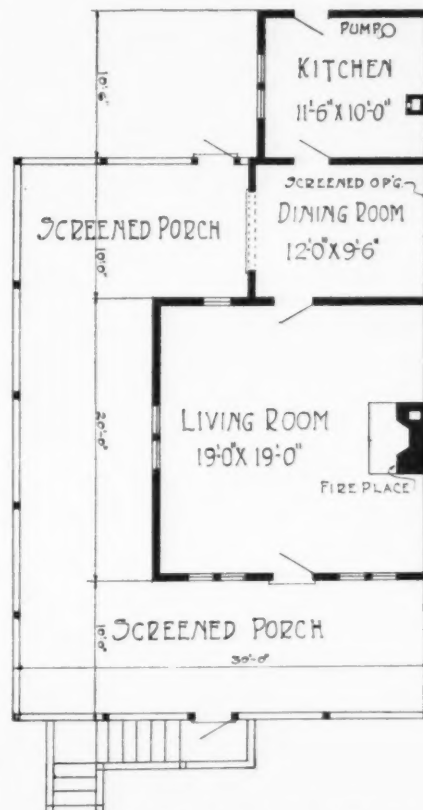
spirit of the vacation better than any other building material and it is usually most easy to obtain at reasonable cost. Wood is, therefore, used as the principal material of construction in the average cottage, it being supplemented with concrete, brick, tile and other materials at places which necessity or peculiar advantages point out. Interiors are unfinished, or if finished, their treatment is inexpensive and designed to produce a rustic, rough-cast appearance. The treatment of the main lodge hall of the Chicago Rod and Gun Club building at Lake Sheshebogama, Wis., a view of which is shown on the preceding page, is typical of the more elaborate methods of finishing cottage interiors, in which wall board is widely used. One of the most desirable of features in the living room of the summer cottage is a large fireplace, a good example of which is shown in the interior view just mentioned. The furniture may be used to effectively carry out the rustic idea, but its real purpose should be to provide comfort.

When cottages are built far from a supply of building materials, where plenty of timber is available, the cheapest and best construction is a type similar to that used in the early log cabins. This type of construction is very

appropriate at any summer cottage location, and it is quite widely used. The cottage shown on this page is a good example. It was built last year at Gilmore Lake, Minong, Wis., by William S. Baggs, who designed the building for Fred T. Jenks and constructed it at a cost of approximately \$1,000. The walls, porch rail, posts, entrance and other parts are built of rough logs, producing a rustic effect which is very interesting.

A feature of the exterior which strikes the eye at once is the large screened porch. The screening is a very necessary item in any cottage and in this case it is extensively carried out, including the porch and all exposed doors and windows. A concrete foundation is built under the living room and kitchen and concrete piers are used under each porch post. Rafter ends are exposed in the roof construction.

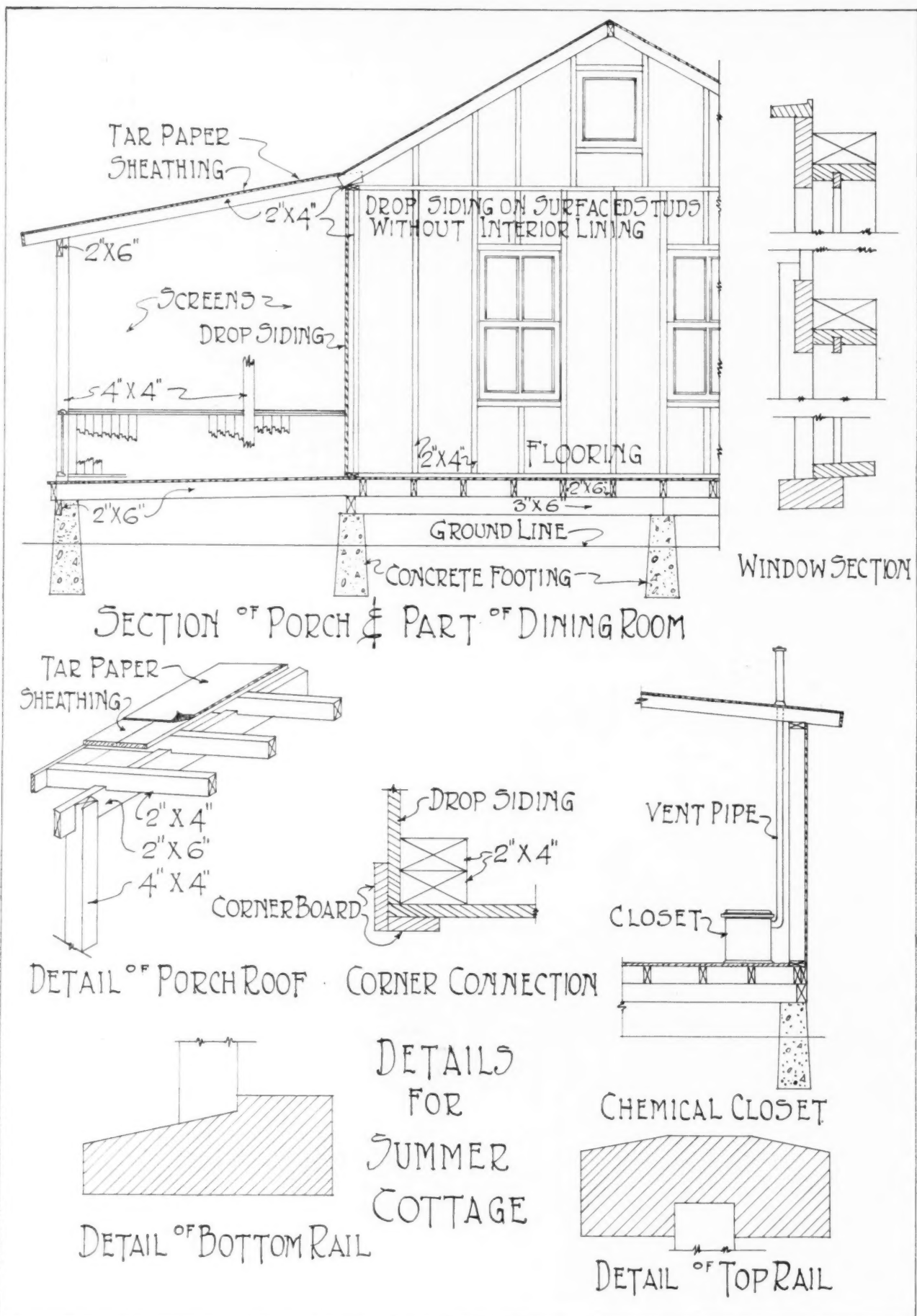
The living room walls are of logs, casing thruout on windows and doors is of slabs and the ceiling has long girders and flat grain fir flooring laid on the top of same, which gives it a massive beam effect. The fireplace is built with a panel of cobblestones and brick mantel, above which the chimney is recessed. The dining room is really an extension of the porch. It may be entered thru a door into the living room or from the porch



Plan of the Log Cottage Shown Below.



Log Cottage Erected by William S. Baggs, at Gilmore Lake, Minong, Wisconsin, for Fred T. Jenks. All Logs Were Taken From the Timber Land Surrounding the Cottage.



Structural Details of Frame Cottage Built by E. L. Bradley and Representative of the Type of Construction Most Commonly Used in Frame Summer Cottages of This Sort.





Cottage Built by Edwin L. Bradley Along Fox River Above St. Charles, Illinois. Notice the Large Porch Enclosed with Fine-Mesh Wire Cloth Screens. House Sits on Concrete Piers Placed 8 Feet Apart.

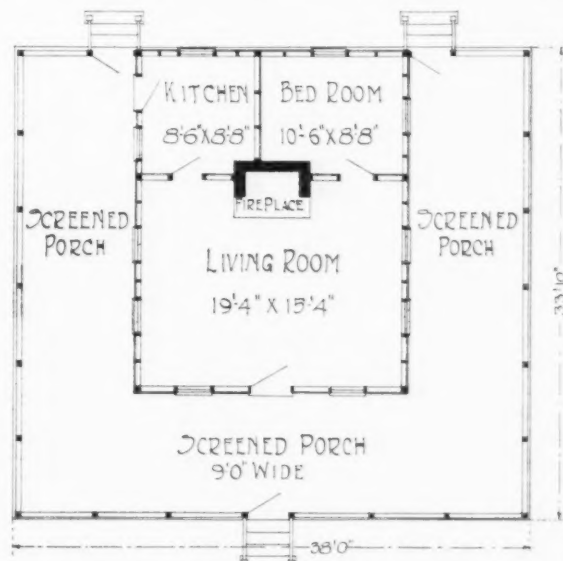
thru a log archway. The large screened opening is built in a manner similar to this archway and both of these openings may be curtained for protection from rain and wind. The kitchen is built similar to the living room. The double windows are high enough so that a work table may be placed beneath them. The kitchen is always cool since the prevailing wind from the lake passes thru from the double to the single window. Spaces between the logs are packed with oakum in all of the exterior walls.

Where finished lumber is easy to get to the building site and the owner does not desire the more picturesque appearance of the log cottage, the construction used is similar to that of the building shown on this page. This summer cottage was built beside the Fox River above St. Charles, Ill., by Edwin L. Bradley. Here, again, the large screened porch is the important feature. The man whose work keeps him indoors a large part of the time needs outdoor air and exercise during the vacation time. The man who is used to outdoor air won't get along without it. The screened porch is necessary in either case and it should be used as the dining room and as the sleeping rooms whenever the weather will permit.

The main part of this cottage is 20 by 25 feet, divided into three rooms. The living room, 20 feet by 15 feet 8 inches, has a fireplace in the center of the inner wall. The other two rooms are 9 by 10 feet and 9 by 12 feet, being used, respectively, as the kitchen and bedroom. The screened porch on three sides of the house is 9 feet wide and has three screen

doors, one on either end and one in front of the living room door.

The full size of the building, including the porch, is 33 feet 10 inches by 38 feet. The studding members are dressed on four sides. The best grade of drop siding was used for sheathing. The roofing is the regular roll roofing with a smooth exterior finish, laid on 6-inch tongue and groove flooring. The floor joists rest on 3 by 6-inch timbers, which have their bearing on concrete piers. These piers are spaced about 8 feet apart. All windows are regular check rail windows, size 12 by 24 inches, 4 light, except those in the gables, which are 20 by 24 inches, single light. Originally



Plan of Cottage Shown Above.



Genuine Log Cabin in Wisconsin Lakes Region, Built During Week End Trips from Timber Growing Near By.

the interior was left in the rough, but later it was finished with beaded ceiling, placed vertically on the walls. The door and window openings are cased in the regular way.

There are several inexpensive methods of finishing the interior of cottages of this sort. Wall board is, perhaps, the best material which would ordinarily be used. Beaded ceiling may be used as wainscoting above which the walls and ceiling may be finished with wall board, heavy paper or burlap, sized and calcimined. All of these ceiling materials require that a paneled effect be used, which is altogether desirable. The floors and wainscoting are stained and finished with wax or flat varnish. In case the interior is left rough, it is usually unpainted.

At various times there have been questions asked the *AMERICAN BUILDER*, thru the Correspondence Department, concerning the method of constructing log cabins. On this page two log cabins are shown with the idea of showing how the corners are con-

structed and the windows and doors framed into the walls. The upper illustration is a good example of the simplest form of log construction. Each log is notched at the ends on diametrically opposite sides, the cuts being made about one-fourth of the average log diameter in depth. The notches are flat on the bottom and both flaring and curved on the sides, the curve being out from the center of the cut, with a radius equal to that of the log section. When the logs are placed horizontally, the ends at the door and window openings are sawed off square and heavy timber casings are put in place, their function being to support the logs, to which they

are spiked or pinned, as well as to form the window or door frame support. When the logs are placed vertically, it is not necessary to use heavy casings except that heavy lintel beams are required above the door and window openings. It is quite often necessary to do extensive hewing of the logs flanking the window frames in order to make standard windows fit between the vertically placed logs. Cement plaster is commonly used to calk between the logs, altho oakum and various other materials may be used if desired.



### Her Difficulty

A young lady who lisped very badly was treated by a specialist, and after diligent practice and the expenditure of some money learned to say: "Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts for Soldiers."

She repeated it to her friends at a private rehearsal, and was congratulated upon her masterly performance.

"Yeth," she said dubiously, "but it ith thuth an ectheedingly difficult remark to work into a converthation—eth-pethially when you conthider that I have no thithter Thuthie."



Large Log Cottage with Shingled Upper Story—Tenderfoot Camp Resort, Cisco Lakes, Wisconsin.

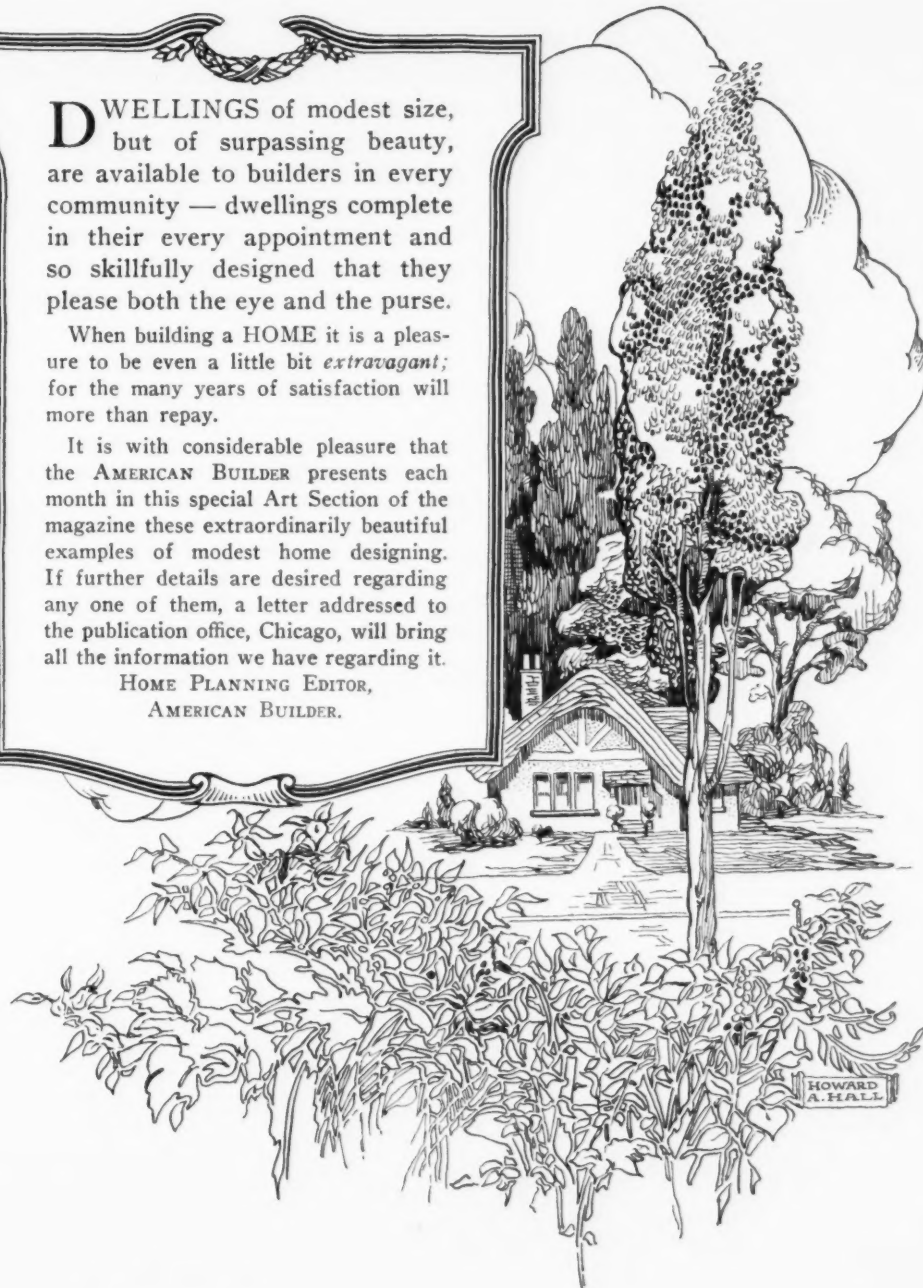
# A PORTFOLIO *of* BEAUTIFUL HOMES

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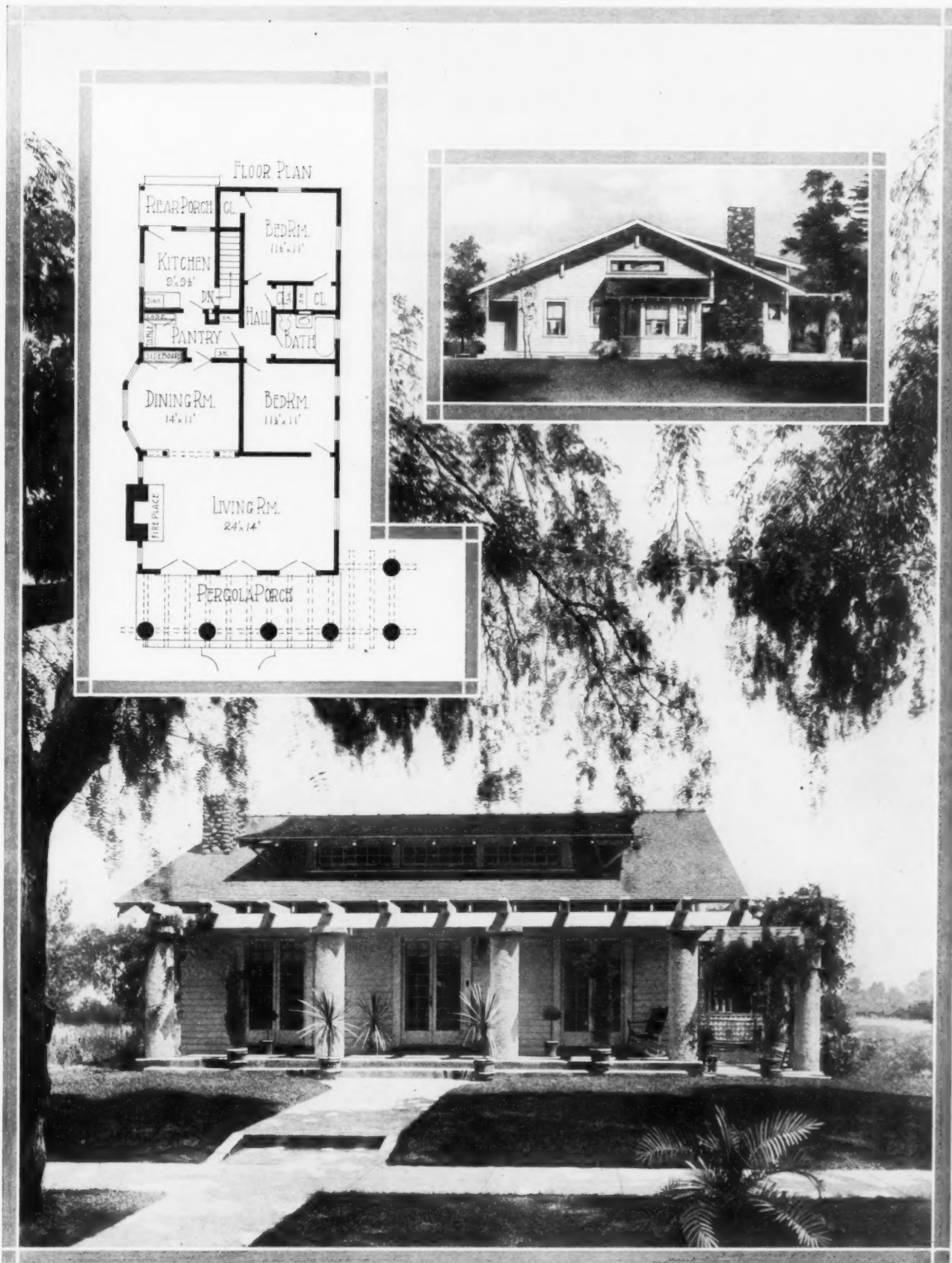
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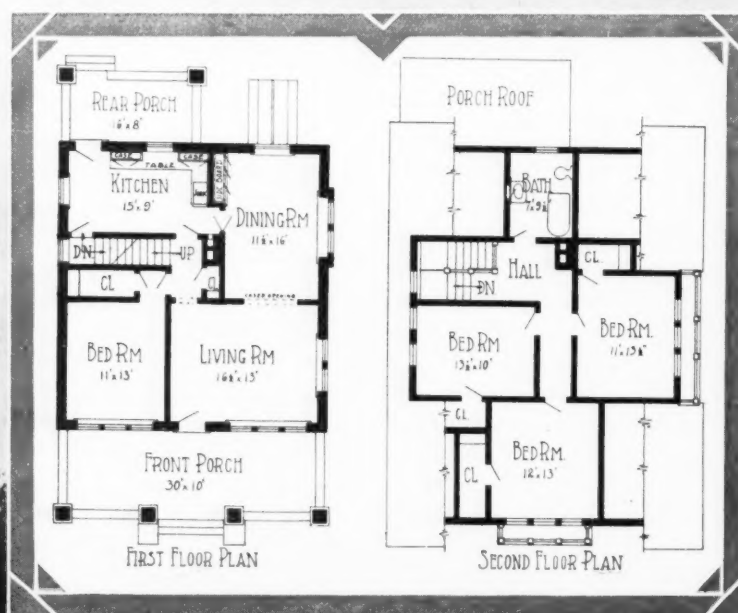


This Porch Extends the Welcome of the Big Out-of-Doors to Those Who Lounge Upon It. Large Enough to Be Useful, Yet Not Too Large to Be Cozy, It Strikes the Observer's Eye as a Place of Comfort at First Glance. The Floor Is of Brick Laid After the Herringbone Pattern, Bordered with a Row of Brick on Edge Around the Entire Surface. The Porch Rail Forms a Trellis Which Is Carried Up to the Roof at the Corners and on both Sides of the Steps. Drop Shades Are Shown Installed to Protect the Porch from the Direct Rays of the Sun During the Warm Part of the Day.



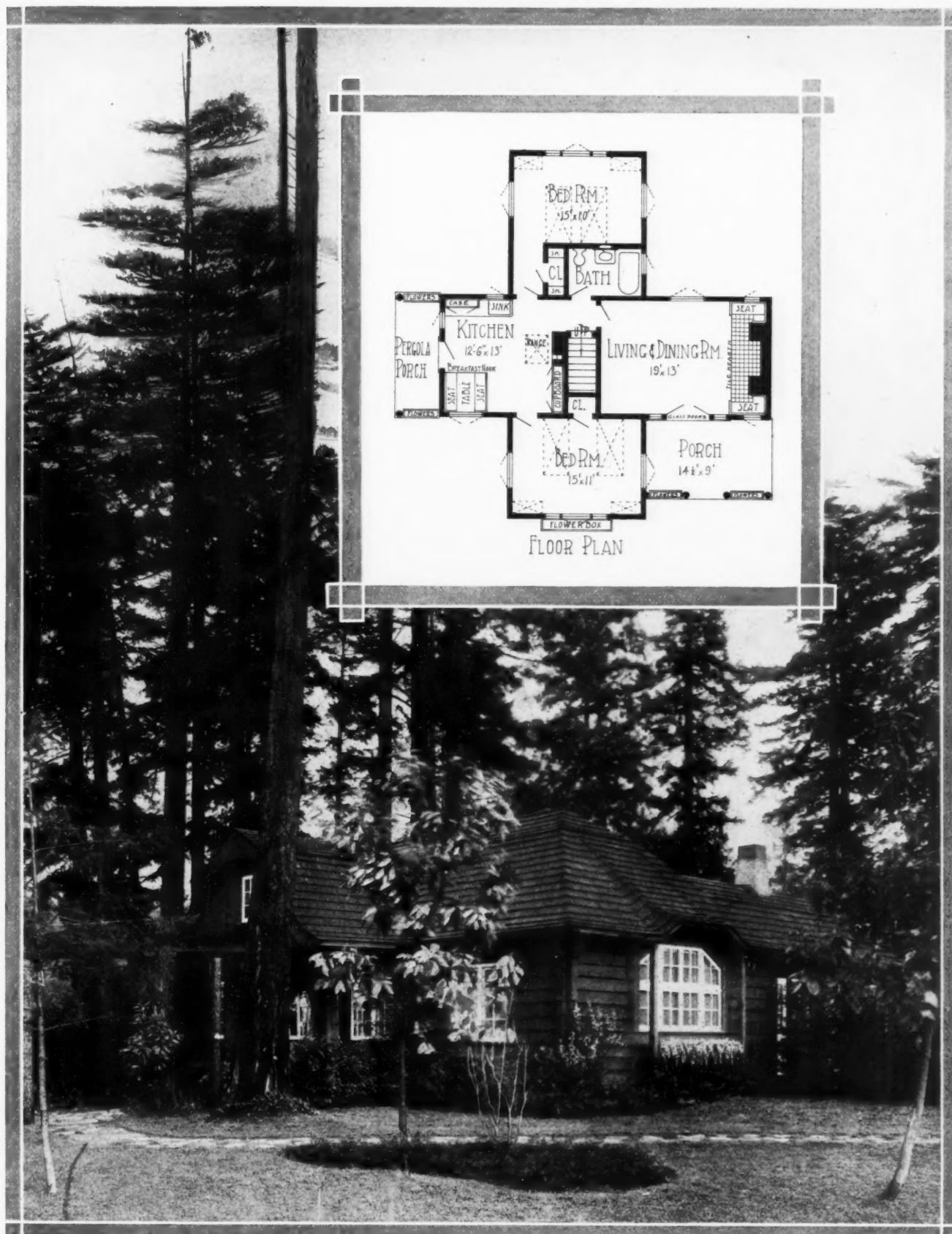
**WELL ARRANGED HOUSE WITH PERGOLA PORCH.** The artistic value of the pergola porch is well illustrated in this house. When viewed from any angle the porch seems to impress the observer to the extent that his opinion of the entire house is formed upon the effect which the porch produces. There are plenty of excellent features to justify this opinion. Notice the large living room, the excellent bedroom and bath arrangement and the handy pantry. Inset above shows view from side.



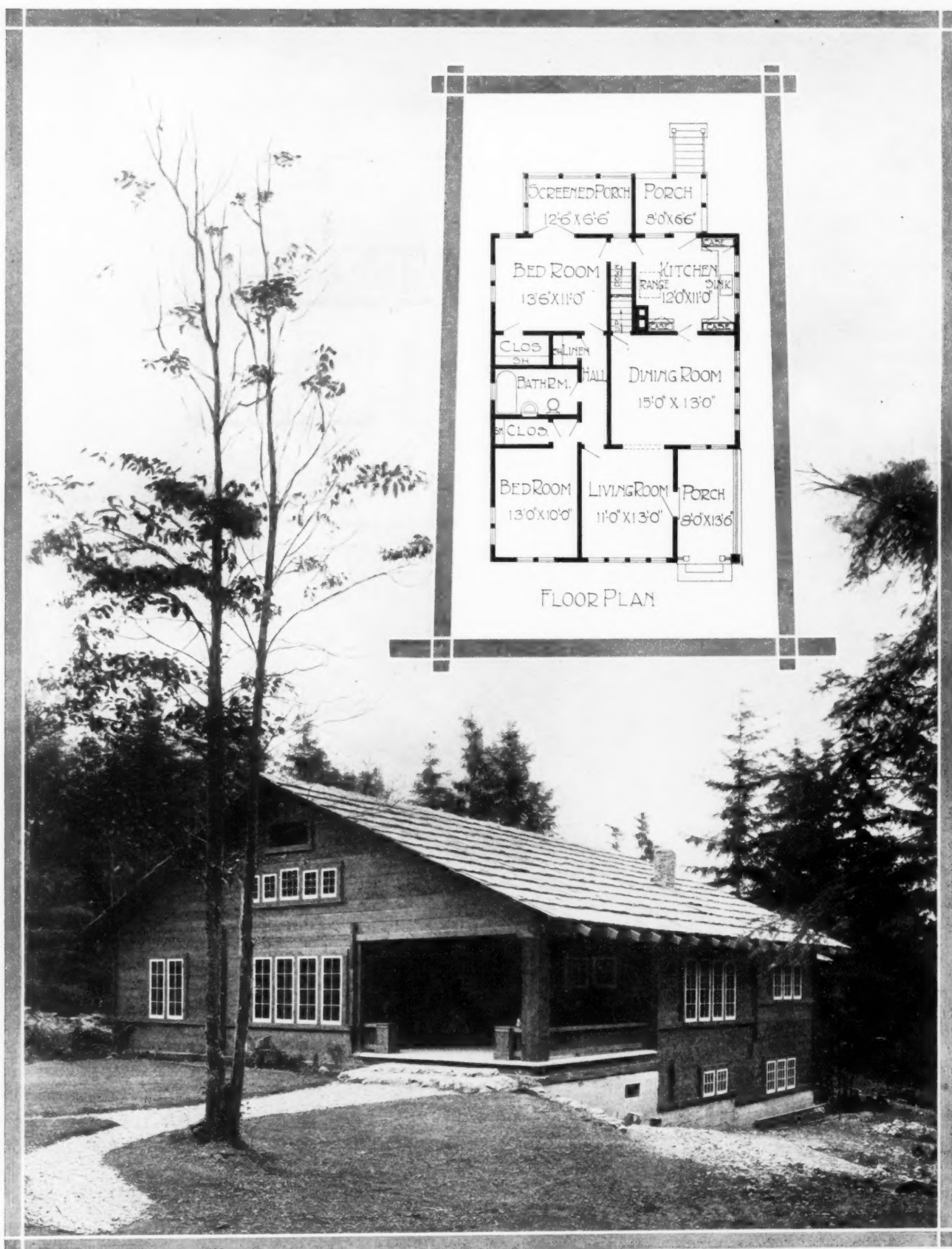


**MODERN COBBLE STONE HOUSE.** This House Represents a Thoroly Modern Adaptation of the Cobble Stone as an Architectural Material. The Structure Is Rustic in appearance, but Bears the Marks of the Latest Ideas in House Design, Making it an Excellent Example of Rural or Summer House Architecture. The Gable Roof and the Sloping Dormer Roofs Are of Tile. The Interior Is Arranged for Convenience with Accommodations for a Maximum Number of People. The Size Is 30 by 32 Feet.



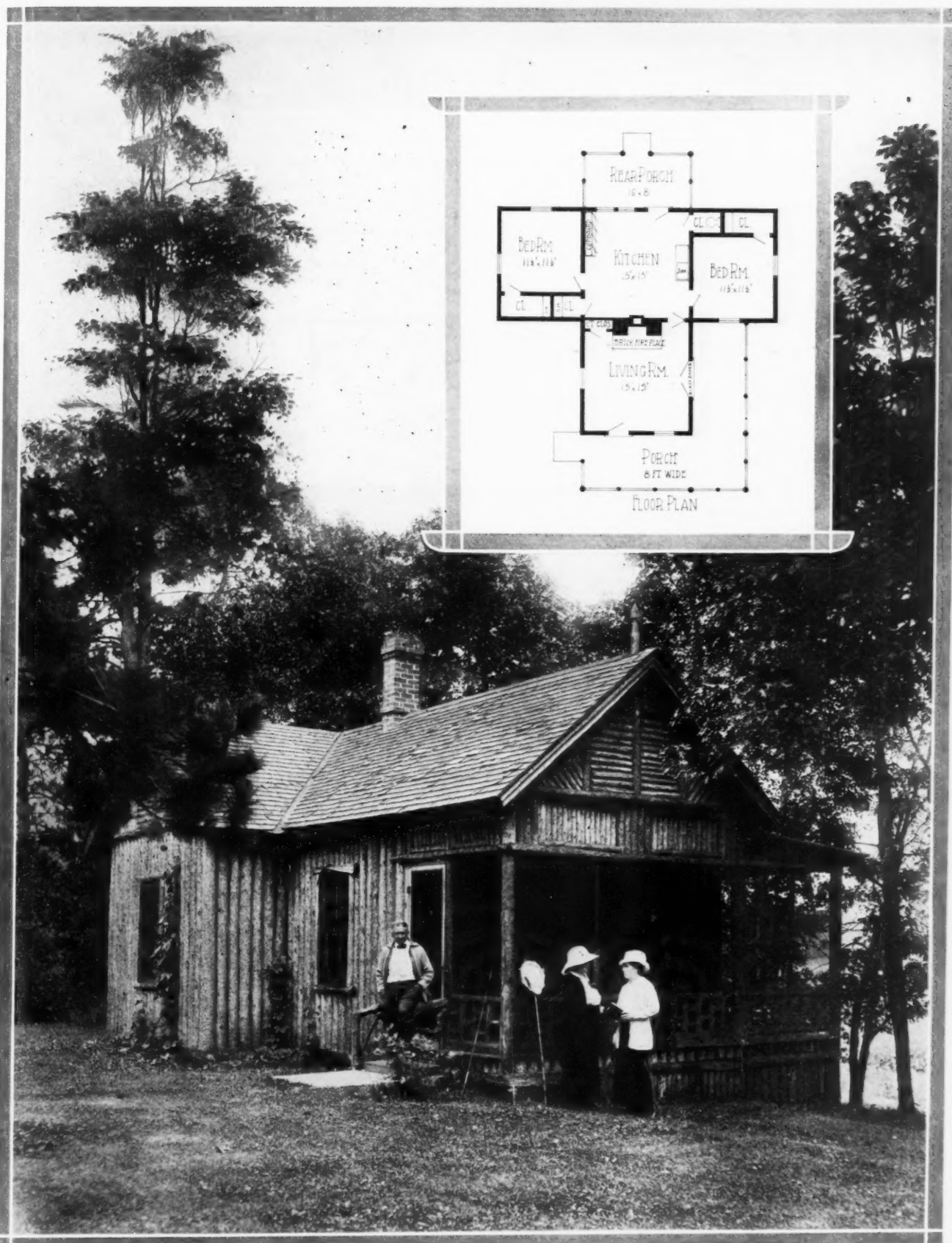


**COZY SUMMER HOME, WELL ARRANGED.** This Cottage Has the Correct Expression of the Summer Home Idea in Its Exterior Appearance and the Real Value of the Summer Vacation May Be Found in the Comfort of Its Interior. The Breakfast Nook Is a Pleasant Feature of the Kitchen Arrangement. At the End of the Combined Living and Dining Room a Tile Hearth Is Built Before the Fireplace, Having a Seat at Either End. This Feature Is One of Comfort and Safety. The Two Bedrooms Are Designed Especially for Twin Beds and Are Provided with Excellent Ventilation.



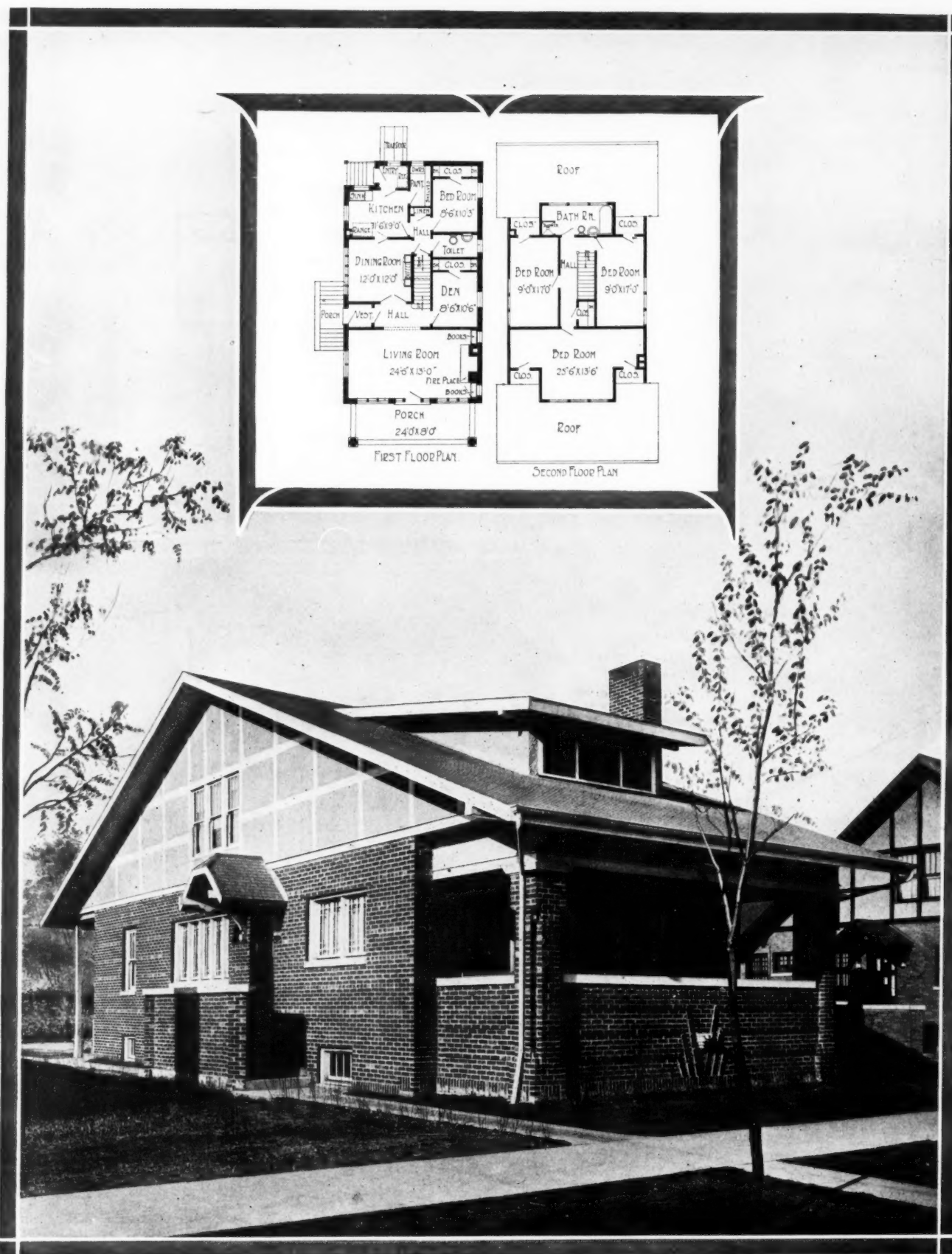
**ROUGH FINISHED SUMMER CABIN.** The Spirit of the Woods and the Open Country Is Typified in the Rough Finished Sides and Roof of This Building. No Attempt Is Made to Produce an Appearance of "Finish," and It Is Desirable if the Wood May Be Treated in Such a Way That Its Natural Color Is Not Destroyed. A Wood Filler and Natural Stain Would Be Appropriate for This Purpose. The Interior Arrangement Conforms with the Idea of Modern House Design. The Size Is 30 by 41 Feet.





**LOG CABIN SUMMER COTTAGE.** This Cottage Is Built of Vertically Placed Logs, Ornamented with Panels of Vertical, Horizontal and Diagonal Logs Under the Gables and Over the Porch. The Bark Is Left on All of the Exposed Surfaces of the Logs. The Room Arrangement Is Simple. The Living Room Is Fitted with a Large Fireplace and Two Doors Give Easy Access to the Large Porch. The Kitchen Is Also Used as a Dining Room, or the Rear Porch May Be Screened In and Used as a Dining Room. The Two Bedrooms Flank the Kitchen.





**BRICK AND HALF-TIMBER STUCCO HOUSE.** An Artistic Exterior Finish Has Been Obtained in This House by the Use of Face Brick Laid in White Mortar for the First Floor Walls, with Light Gray Stucco Paneled in the Half-Timber Style for the Second Floor Walls. The Walls of the Two Dormers Are Finished with Stucco in the Ordinary Manner. The First Floor Arrangement Is Interesting. Notice the Large Living Room, the Interior Entrance Porch, Excellent Kitchen and Pantry Arrangement and Den. There Are Four Bedrooms Provided.

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**EXTERIOR WALLS**  
☐ All Frame  
☐ Stucco  
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☐ Brick (Solid)  
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☐ Concrete Blocks  
☐ Monolithic Concrete  
☐ Stone  
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☐ Soft Wood  
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☐ Wallboard  
☐ Marble  
☐ Metal Ceilings and Walls  
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☐ Metal Grilles, etc.  
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### SPECIALTIES, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED

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☐ Warm Air Furnace  
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☐ Steam, Blower System  
☐ Hot Water System  
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Refrigerators, Mechanical.....  
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Fire Shutters.....

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### Keep on Building

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There should be no curtailment in building and road construction. Let both public and private useful construction proceed. Production and handling of building materials and public and private construction work are fundamental industries of the country. Any tendency to suspend or postpone building projects is inconsistent with maintaining our prosperity. The country is prosperous. Building investors should not hesitate to go ahead with their plans. Railroads should spare no effort to supply the building industry with the cars needed to transport materials. Government, state, county, and municipal authorities should encourage the continuance of all kinds of building. Road and street improvements in particular should go on unabated. Bad roads and streets are factors of first importance in the present high cost of foodstuffs. Never before was the improvement of highways so essential.

The lumber, brick, cement, lime, sand, gravel, stone, and other building materials industries are basic. Neither government regulations nor railroad restrictions should be imposed unnecessarily to interfere with them. If any action is taken which results in the prostration of so fundamentally important industries, there is real danger of a surplus of unemployed labor, a surplus of railroad cars and a crippling of business

that will seriously embarrass the government in financing the war.

The right thing to do is to keep building.



### A Silo for Chickens

THE theory of the silo for chickens so that they may be fed food in winter which will increase their egg-laying is being urged generally by the expert poultrymen who have experimented in silage, and promises to bring about a revolution in the industry. So much interest has been taken that the lumber industry has taken up the problem in an effort to develop a simply built wooden chicken silo which will be as much of a success in the poultry industry as the silo has become in the dairy branch of the agriculture field. The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Association which made a special study of the dairy silo is especially interested in the new chicken silo.

An effort by a lumber trade paper to learn just what success has been achieved with chicken silos brought the information from many poultrymen that the silo promises to bring about great and profitable changes. J. G. Halpin, of the agricultural college of the University of Wisconsin says that the only problem in the poultry silo is to make it small enough so that the silage will not spoil as it is being used.

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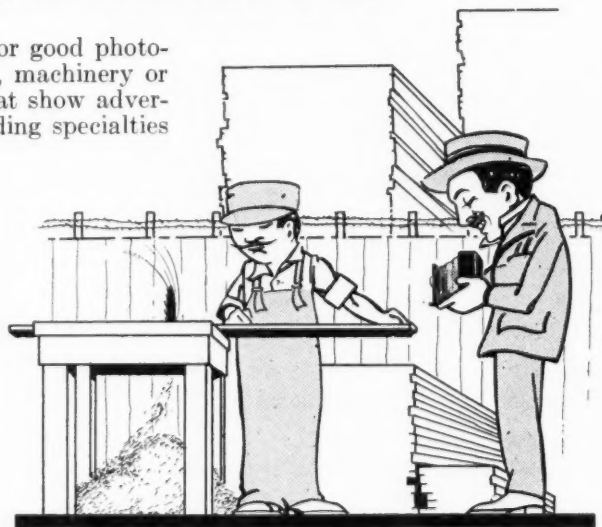
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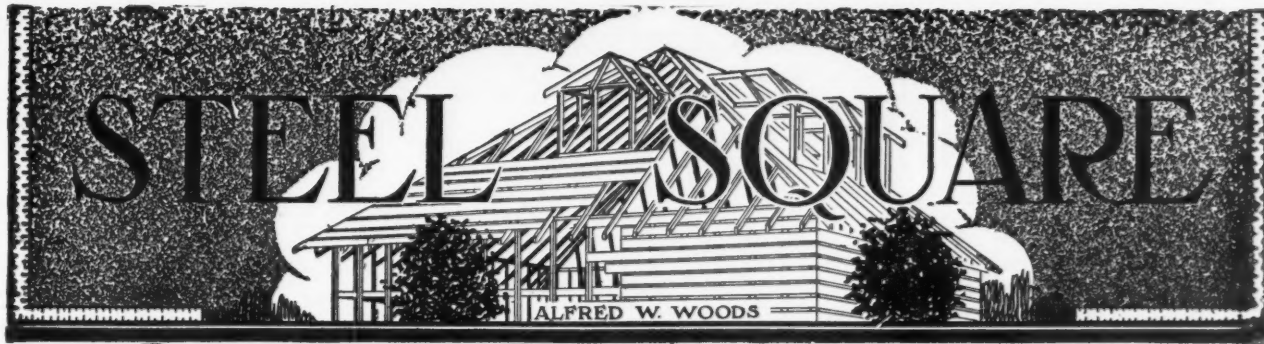
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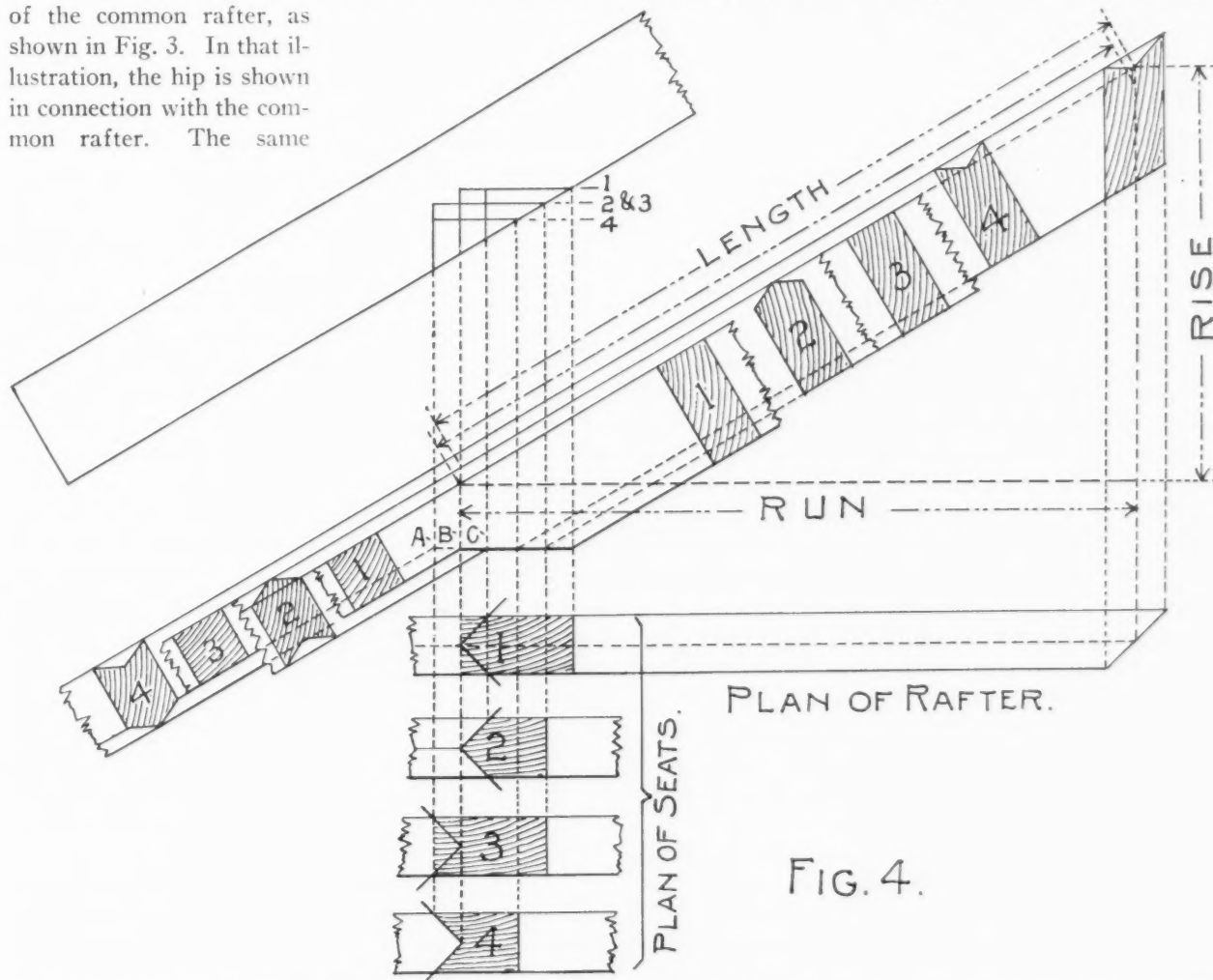
## Problems of Roof Framing Solved

SECOND ARTICLE—THE BACKING OF THE HIP AND VALLEY AND THE EFFECT IT HAS IN THE FRAMING UNDER VARIOUS CONDITIONS.

NOTE: This is the Second of a Series by Mr. Woods. The Third will appear in an early issue.

**W**E COME now to the next step of our work. In the previous illustration, we showed how the lengths of the common and hip rafters are determined by the aid of the common steel square. Of course, there are other ways of getting the lengths with the square, but whatever figures are taken, they must be to the ratio of the full scale for one foot run of the common rafter, as shown in Fig. 3. In that illustration, the hip is shown in connection with the common rafter. The same

into consideration and the length and cuts of the rafter are taken at the proper place. This is a vexing little problem; 'tis true it does not amount to much, there is not one job in a hundred where the carpenter takes the pains to back his hips and valleys. Whether he does or not, allowance should be made in the depth of the seat cut; that is where they get off without his knowing



principle by which its length is determined, also applies to the valley rafter because it rests in the same position relative to the common rafters. Therefore, its length is the same as that of the hip.

Hark! Didn't we hear some one say, that isn't so? But it is so, as will be proven when the backing is taken

it and after they are cut and ready to set up in place, then he finds that something is wrong and they are either blocked or cut down, as the case may be. Now, isn't that so?

Have you not seen blocks or shingles under the seat

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## The Law Holds Contractors Responsible

MATERIALS OR EQUIPMENT ATTRACTIVE TO CHILDREN BUT DANGEROUS TO THEM MUST BE GUARDED—THE LEGAL DOCTRINE OF ATTRACTIVE NUISANCES EXPLAINED.

By George Warner Swain

Of the Chicago Bar.

**I**N the year 1841 there was decided by the Court of the Queen's Bench in England a case entitled *Lynch v. Nurdin*, which was destined to mark a turning point in the law of negligence. It was the pioneer case of what has now come to be known as the Attractive Nuisance Doctrine. In that case the man who was being sued left a horse and cart standing in the public highway. Two boys came along, about seven years of age, and one of them got in the cart, and the other took the horse's bridle and started to lead him down the street. The boy in the cart became frightened and attempted to climb out, fell, and was run over, sustaining a fractured leg. Of course, the child was a trespasser; he had no right whatever to climb into the cart, and I suppose should have been punished for having done so; but the Lord Chancellor said the child was merely indulging the natural instinct of a child in amusing himself with the empty cart and deserted horse, and that after the blamable carelessness of the owner in having tempted the child, he ought not to have reproached the child for yielding to the temptation.

This is the foundation for the whole doctrine. A child of tender years is not presumed by the courts to have sufficient discretion and understanding to know when he is in danger, and when an owner of property leaves the property or maintains it in such a condition as to appeal to the curiosity and interest of children, the courts will not hold him free from blame if the child yields to the temptation, and trespasses upon the property, and becomes injured thereby.

The growth of this doctrine is one of the most interesting examples of what has become known as judicial legislation. No legislature or other legislative body has ever enacted any laws relieving a child of the duty to exercise the same care for his own safety as is required of an adult; but the courts by their decisions have firmly established such a rule.

We now come to the application of this doctrine to specific cases in which contractors and builders engaged in the construction of houses or other buildings have been held liable because they did not properly protect the premises upon which they were engaged from the ever present and curious youngster.

First, let us see what the Wisconsin court holds regarding this doctrine:

In the case of *Busse v. Rogers*, 98 Northwestern



Five-Year-Old Lillie Busse Made a Teeter and was Injured—The Builder (Owner of the Lumber Pile) Had to Pay.

Reporter, 219, we have a decision as long ago as 1904. Lillie Busse was a child of about five years of age. On her way home from school one day she came to a place where the defendants had piled some heavy timbers, 14 to 16 feet in length. These timbers were piled up in step-like fashion, so that it was an easy matter for her and the child accompanying her to clamber to the top. On reaching the top they found that the two top timbers could be swung around into an oblique position so that they could be used

as a see-saw. It was not long before one of the top timbers became over-balanced and rolled to the bottom, carrying the little girl with it. Of course the owners contended that they had a right to pile the timbers temporarily on the public street adjacent to their property, and that the child had no right to meddle with them, nor to climb upon them, and that if she became injured thru such meddling they could not be held liable. But the court overruled their contentions, and said:

"The child who lags unwilling on the way to school and chases a bright-winged butterfly, or plays a game of marbles, or climbs a tempting pile of lumber in the highway to play see-saw for a moment, does not thereby become an outlaw, and when injured by another's negligence he cannot be turned aside with the curt remark that he had ceased to travel and become a trespasser, and hence can complain of no one's conduct. His natural habits and instincts must be in some way and degree recognized. The man or woman who would wish to wholly stop the flow of childish spirits while on the highway, and turn the little ones into men and women before their time, must either have had no childhood of his own or must have forgotten the fact. It would not be accurate to say that the streets were made for the children to play in, but it would be equally inaccurate to say that a property owner can totally disregard the fact that children have, and probably always will, play therein.

"It is well known that there is nothing much more attractive to children than a pile of lumber or timber, especially one which affords opportunity for a see-saw. This, according to the findings, was what the defendants placed in the street, so arranged that the heavy timbers would almost immediately fall when the childish amusement commenced. We think there was ample room for the jury to find, as they did, that the act

of leaving the timber in the highway in this condition was negligence, and the result which followed was one which might reasonably have been anticipated by an ordinarily prudent man under the circumstances."

The case of Louisville Railway Company v. Esselman, 93 Southwestern Reporter, 50, was decided by the Court of Appeals of Kentucky, in 1906. There the Railway Company was engaged in erecting an addition to its power house on Logan Street in the city of Louisville. It had secured a permit from the building inspector of Louisville to temporarily stack part of its building material in the street, but was not using more than a third of the street for that purpose. Some of the material consisted of iron girders called I-beams, and were from 3 to 18 feet in length. The edges of these girders presented about a 4-inch flat surface, connected at their centers by solid metal,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch thick, and 10 or 12 inches wide. These beams when stacked, standing on their edges, made a somewhat top-heavy body. There were a number of children who lived in the neighborhood where this building was going on, and they took the usual interest in everything that was being done about the premises. Henry Esselman was an eleven-year-old boy who was among those in the habit of playing about this neighborhood. One day in August he climbed to the top of this stack of beams, which



Eleven-Year-Old Henry Esselman was Awarded \$750 Damages for Being Hurt on a Pile of Steel I-Beams.

was about 4 feet high, and sat down upon it to watch the other boys playing about the building. When he arose to climb down, one of the beams turned over and caught

his leg severely and permanently injuring it. He brought this suit to recover damages from the owners of the premises, and the jury awarded him \$750.00. In upholding this verdict in favor of the boy the court said:

"It is the instinct of children of the age of this boy to play. Building material, stacked as this was, is peculiarly attractive to them. This is a fact known to everyone. In a populous community this instinct is more than likely to find vent in availing itself of such temptations. Warnings are not enough to make the premises reasonably safe. The material should be stacked so, with the knowledge that the premises will be probably so used in spite of warnings and precautions of the lot owner, that the children playing thereabout will not be subjected to the hazards of falling timbers and material insecurely put up. The ordinance allowing the builders to put their property in the public street, did not allow them to set a dead-

fall in the street to catch unwary children, mischievously or prankishly wandering within the forbidden zone. The law is, on the contrary, that the builder must anticipate their presence with a knowledge of their nature, and provide against accident to them as far as may reasonably be within his power. The instinct of humanity fathers this rule of the law."

The court cites from the former case in their own state under a similar set of facts where it was said that children of tender years are presumed to be irresponsible for their acts, and are therefore presumed to be incapable of negligence, for before anyone can be negligent he must appreciate the danger of the situation and know how to avoid it.

In New York, in the case of Earl v. Crouch, 10 New York Supplement, 882, a lumber dealer had piled a large amount of lumber upon the street in front of a lot where a house was being constructed, there not being room inside of the lot for the lumber. A boy about five years old was playing in the street and attempted to climb upon the pile; he pulled it over onto himself, and was killed. The court said that the man who put the lumber where it was was bound to know that young children were likely to be at play in the street, and it was not unreasonable to charge them with the knowledge that a pile of lumber is a very attractive object to children and likely to become the scene of their exploits and sports; and the court upheld a verdict in the suit which was brought by the child's parents to recover damages for his death.

In the case of Spengler v. Williams, 6 Southern Reporter, 613, the Supreme Court of the state of Mississippi had occasion to pass on a somewhat similar case. In that case Spengler was building a house on his property, and piled lumber to be used in its construc-



A Five-Year Boy Overturned a Pile of Lumber Piled in the Street by a Building Site. The Lumber Dealer Had to Pay Damages.



Little Boys Played Around the Spengler Job and a Pile of Lumber Fell On One of Them. The Builder Had to Pay.

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## "Protecting the product of the family, field and factory is as important as the producing"

THE MAN FROM THE LUMBER YARD

It is proper that in this month when we take note of our NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, that each one study for the greater independence of himself, and his patrons. The Man from the Lumber Yard points out some ways. EDITOR.

THE reason some of my readers, the man who pushes the saw as well as the man who writes specifications, do not make a larger success, is because they don't think bigger.

That is especially true of the contractor who specializes on farm work.

When Chicago was a struggling municipality, she did such haphazard park and boulevard work as her finances permitted. But of late she has had a plan of consecutive work to be taken up each year.

Because none of her work overlaps and everything is done with system and in order, she comes most nearly getting the worth of every dollar expended.

I know a Philadelphia manufacturer of tools who held out against the protests of some minority stockholders at his buying three times the ground needed for their plant. They cover all this ground today.

He had a vision of their growing business and the "PEP" to act.

### Short Sighted Contractors

Some contractors can't see beyond their noses or the present season. They do an injustice to their clients who entrust their building interests in their hands.

Those readers of our February journal who gave special thought to our IDEAL farm lay-out, probably said to themselves, "This is all very beautiful

for some, but I don't have millionaire customers."

I know a number of farmers who have spent more money in the last five years than is represented in this "Ideal Farm Plan," and have very little to show for it.

Every farm building contractor should make a special study of farm requirements. That field for the next year or so will be bigger than the "office building" field or the "church" field ever can be.

### 100 Per cent Barns as Well as 100 Per cent Churches

Statistics can be had (I will secure them for any reader so desiring) as to the increase in productivity of a properly ventilated cow barn over one of the "dung" atmosphere sort. The hog is a cleanly animal if given a chance. The expert designer of churches has to consider the ventilation and acoustics. When the designer of housings for air-breathing animals appreciates the fact that their lungs are poisoned by bad air and their vitality reduced just the same as the human lungs, they will be making progress. More progress will be made when they get these facts into the minds of the progressive farmer. More belong to this class than is generally credited.

Still more will be obtained when every community has buildings carrying out these ideas.

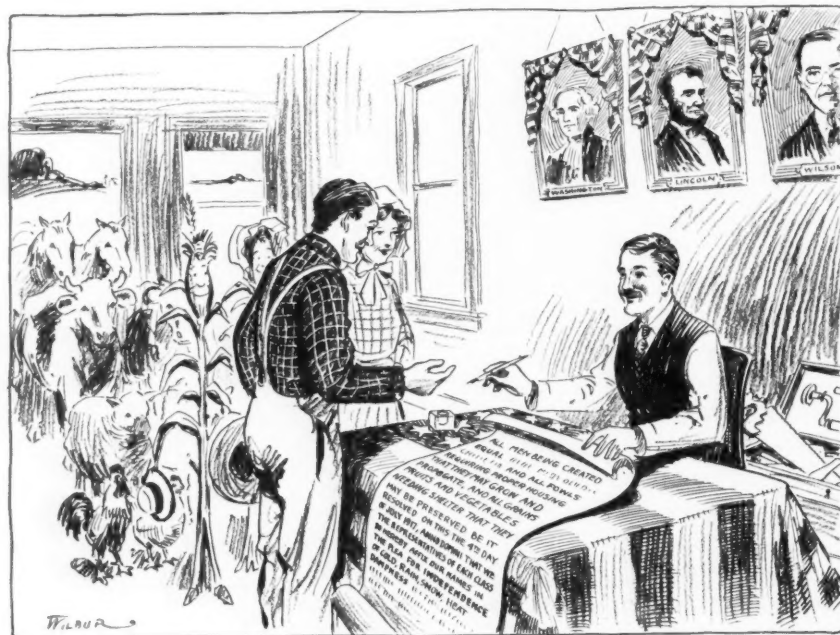
The maximum results will be had when you can induce your farmer clients to keep books, proving to his neighbors the superior productivity of such buildings.

### The Farmer's Incentive to Boost

In canvassing farmer prospects, remember that they should never be antagonistic one to the other. If you are consulting with a druggist prospect you strive to place him in position to combat with the druggist on the other corner, so he will control the soda water trade in place of the other fellow getting it.

Not so with the farmer. If all his neighbors increased their output fifty per cent, there is still the same market for him.

Indeed, it would be better, because there would be more buyers, better transportation facilities, and more accumulated knowledge.



If Farm Crops and Live Stock Had Their Say They Would Declare for Better Housing. The Patriotic Farmer and His Builder Will Provide It THIS Year.

In addition to this is the fact that when one farm increases in value because of superior equipment, it automatically lifts the value of every adjacent farm.

That contractor who can look over a farm and "sense" the ultimate aim and ambition of the owner, and then lay out a group of buildings covering that ambition and conforming to the needs of securing the maximum results, will have all he can take care of in the way of work for the next few years.

The farmer has the money. He must have the equipment to keep pace with the demand. His children and helpers, men and maidens, must be properly housed. It is not expensive to build sleeping porches on the farm, where pure air is needed during the seven or eight hours of sleep, the same as in town. His chickens, corn and cereal, his horses, hogs and kine, all declare that they should be independent from the debilitating effect of the wet, the heat, and the cold.

But this cannot all be done in one year. The wise contractor will lay out a program for the farmers covering a possible period of ten years.

It may be that only one minor building will go up this year. But it will be a complete unit, fitting into the plan with the other units, as the essential buildings are put up year by year, or as rapidly as his finances permit.

## Your Reputation

It doesn't take any stretch of imagination to see the position that would be held by a contractor who would **MAKE GOOD** on such a program.

(1) He would have the first chance and the inside track in bidding on such work year by year.

(2) He would soon have a reputation as an expert in that line of work, and be consulted by all contemplating such improvements.

I cannot cover in this letter the many ways in which the **AMERICAN BUILDER** can and will help you.

## New Finishes

There is a move on the part of many manufacturers, especially of tools and builders' hardware, to avoid excessive advances, made necessary by the market conditions, on material and labor, by cheaper finishes. A hatchet or hammer can be just as good for service, if the quality is retained, even if some of the high finish or polish is omitted.

Finishes are coming out in builders' hardware that will stand the weather, yet be at a price very little in advance.

## Alarmed at Shadows

The trouble with all of us is that we are merely children of larger size, and more or less equipment of hair and teeth. We all shy at shadows, as tho they were realities. You may remember that I mentioned in one of my previous letters how I was scared by the shadow of a cat.

I was working over my father's books one night.



What Is This Terrible Monster?—Only the Office Cat. This Is No Time to Be Scared of Shadows.

While the office of a lumber yard is a very lively place during the day, it is quite ghostly at night.

Those were the days before the electric light.

Hearing a noise, I looked, and was startled to see a fierce animal, such as a lion, ready to spring on me. For a moment I was "frozen stiff."

When I looked matters over, I saw that the frightful thing was merely the shadow of the office cat.

The lesson learned has been of great benefit ever since.

Before I become alarmed at danger, I find out if it may not be only a shadow.

I can say with an old friend of mine, I have had my troubles, most of which never happened. Also, all of us can say, I have been alarmed at many dangers, most of which were merely shadows.

## Not a County, But the Country

One reason I feel like giving my best to the **AMERICAN BUILDER** is because it is not only an "ISER," but also a "COMER."

Every issue seems to me to come out with an elastic spring of life, like a sixteen-year-old going into a race.

Incidentally we are only in the entrance of our teens. Some kid!

I couldn't work for an undertaking establishment

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## Noon Hour Talks by the Boss Carpenter

### Talk No. 60—Farm Series No. 1, Design of Modern Granary

THE BOSS TELLS HOW TO FIGURE THE SIZES OF TIMBER TO USE IN A TWO-STORY GRAIN STORAGE BUILDING

“SEVERAL of our men,” said the Boss, “have been interested in building farm buildings and have met difficulty in determining the sizes of material to use in those parts of the structure which bear load or pressure. The general details of farm buildings intended for a given purpose are very much alike, but the sizes of studs, posts, beams and girders vary according to the size of the building, the general location of the compartments in the building, and the material contained in the compartments. Some buildings are intended merely as a storage space for articles which need to be kept under cover and exert no pressure on the walls of the building. Others are to be used for the storage of hay, grain, or other material which in addition to bringing weight on the floors may also exert pressure on the outside walls and upon the walls of interior bins or compartments.

“Each of these types is a problem in itself and must be treated in a different manner. Storage buildings of the first type must be designed to hold up the roof with its snow and wind load, and to carry this load to the foundations by the use of studding or posts. If the building is one story in height, the floor beams which are designed to carry a certain load will rest directly on the sills at the foundations. If of two stories, the studs or posts of the first story will have to be large enough to carry the load on the second story in addition to the roof load. The only lateral pressure on the side walls will be that due to the wind and may be provided for by proper bracing at the corners of this structure.

“If the building is of the second class, not only must the studding and posts take care of the stresses due to the downward loads, but must also be designed to withstand bending from the outward pressure of the stored materials. A building of this kind must have thoro bracing to prevent bulging.

“The small grain storage building shown in Fig. 1A is an example of the type of building just described. The size of the building is first determined by estimating the amount of grain or similar material to be stored and by the number of bins needed. Such details may be found from the following table of weights and the knowledge that one bushel contains about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  cubic feet:

One bushel =	60 pounds of wheat.
	56 pounds of rye.
	56 pounds of corn.
	48 pounds of barley.
	32 pounds of oats.

Or, if the weights of these various materials per cubic foot of space occupied is desired.



Fig. 1A. A Modern Two-Story Corn Crib and Granary.



# How to Figure a Two-Story Crib

1 cubic foot =  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 48 \text{ pounds of wheat.} \\ 45 \text{ pounds of rye.} \\ 45 \text{ pounds of corn.} \\ 39 \text{ pounds of barley.} \\ 26 \text{ pounds of oats.} \\ 35 \text{ pounds of ear corn.} \end{array} \right.$

these bins is  $\frac{10 \times 17 \times 11}{1\frac{1}{4}} = 1,500$  bushels.

"For instance, the capacity of each of the corn cribs shown in Figs. 1B and 1C may be found by multiplying the width of a crib, 8 feet; by its length, 40 feet, and then by its average height, 22 feet. This will give a capacity of 7,040 cubic feet. To reduce this capacity to bushels, divide 7,040 by  $1\frac{1}{4}$ . This gives 5,632 bushels for each of the side cribs.

"Each of the grain bins over the center driveway is 10 feet wide, 17 feet long and 11 feet deep. The capacity of one of

"The ground floor of this building is concrete laid directly on the earth, so it is not necessary to figure the strength of this floor. The floor over the driveway holds the grain in the two large bins placed there and consists of a tight flooring laid on 3 by 14-inch joists spaced 12 inches on centers.

"The size of these joists may be found by finding the vertical pressure on a strip of floor 1 foot wide and 10 feet long across the driveway, and figure that this uniformly distributed load is carried by one of the joists. We will use our beam

formula  $\frac{p l^3}{e} = M = \frac{1}{8} W l$  as a basis.  
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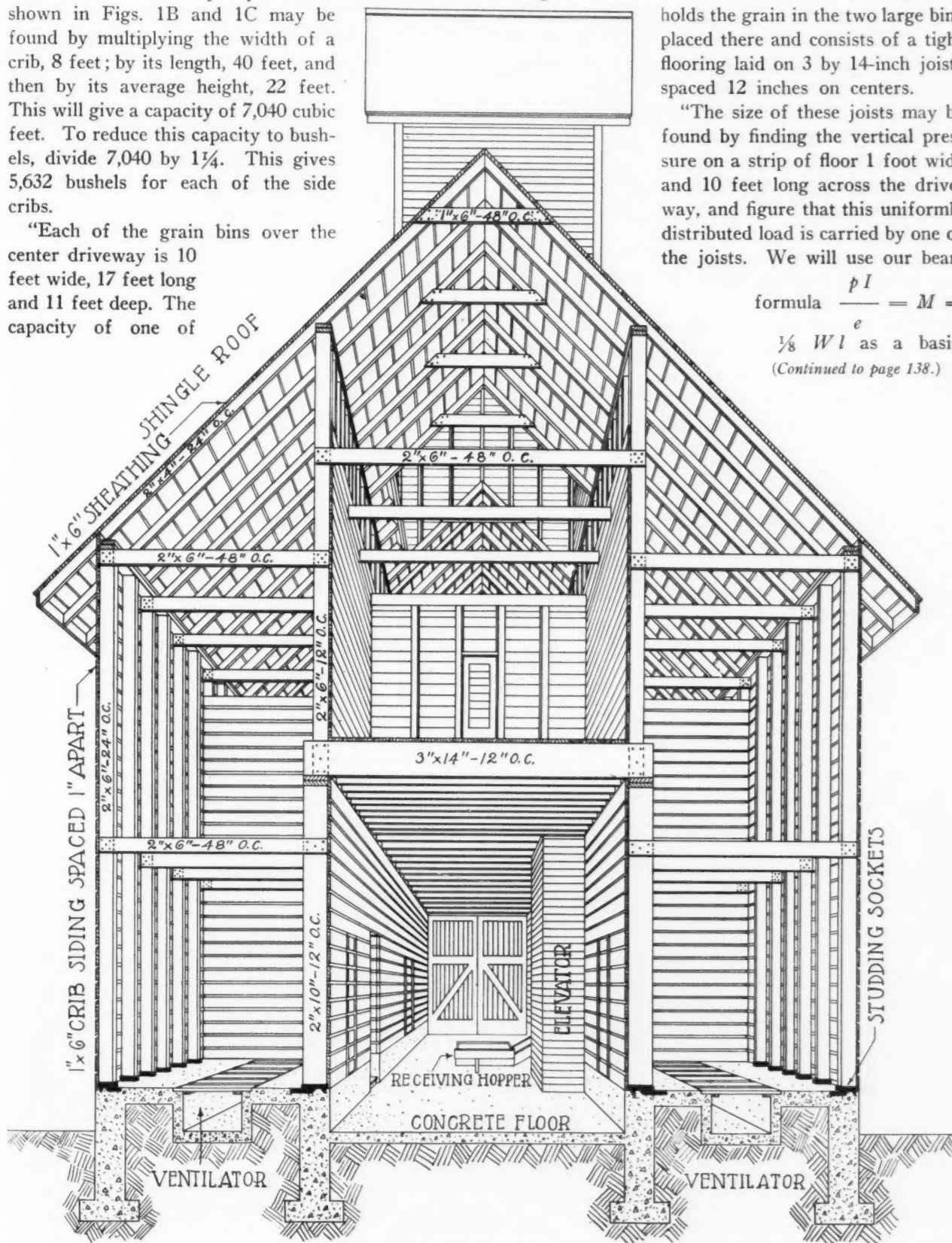


Fig. 1C. Section and Interior Prospective of Grain Storage Building, Showing Details of Framing.



## High Barn with Leanto Stable Each Side

HERE IS THE MOST POPULAR BARN STYLE IN THE DAKOTAS

**T**HE large general purpose barn, perspective view of which is shown below and plan and half-section of which are shown on the next page, was built by C. S. Stolp and John Trainor for H. E. Heine, of Ellendale, N. D. Messrs. Stolp and Trainor have built twelve barns of this design and they find it to be a very satisfactory type of barn for the farmers in their vicinity.

The size of the structure illustrated is 72 feet long by 66 feet wide, which gives a space 30 feet wide for the horse stalls on either side of which there is space

18 feet wide for the cows. A feeding alley 3 feet wide is extended the full length of the barn on each side of the center section and a feed bin is situated near the center of each of these alleys. The hay mow above has a capacity of 80 or 90 tons.

The roof of the barn is self-supporting, the weight of the roof at the trussed supports being carried by 6 by 6-inch posts set 8 feet on centers. These posts are 22 feet long in the main barn and a similar set of posts supporting the floor joists along the sides of the driveway is made up of 6 by 6-inch members,



General Purpose Barn Costing About \$4,000 Built by Stolp and Trainor, Ellendale, N. D., for H. E. Heine. This Building Represents a Type of Barn Which These Contractors and Builders Have Found Very Popular in Their Vicinity.

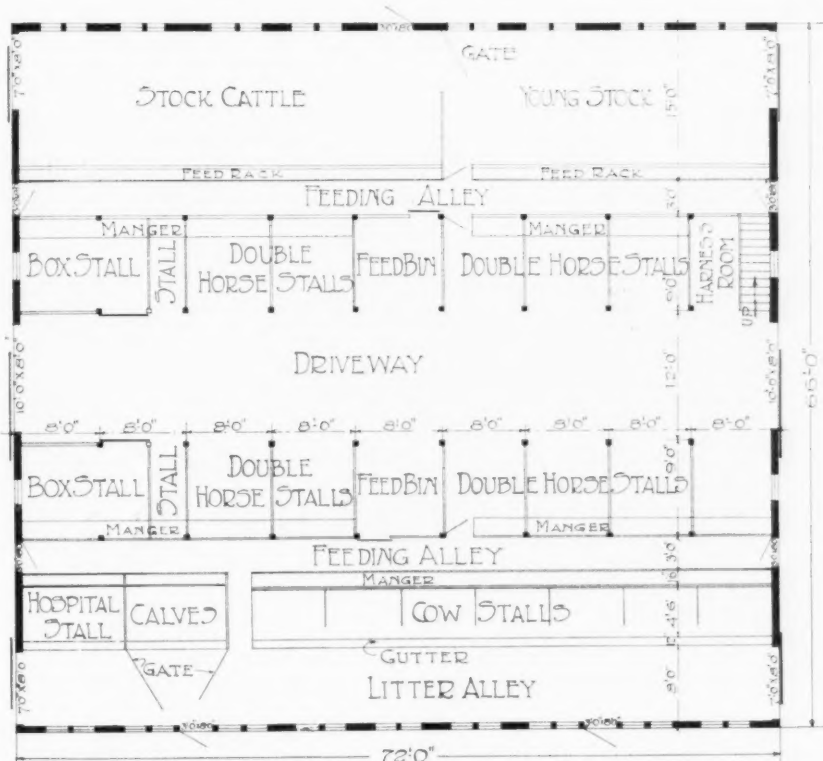
12 feet long. The central driveway is 12 feet wide.

There are eleven double horse stalls, two single horse stalls and two box stalls. A harness room and the hay mow stairs are placed at the end of one of the

## Permanent Poultry House

The poultry house shown here is very easy to construct and when once properly built will last indefinitely. What is just as important, the walls of this building are easy to keep clean, since there are no cracks in which dirt and vermin can collect, provided care is taken to fill all of the mortar joints out flush on the inside of the walls.

A simple shed roof is used and the front wall is given over, for the most part, to the large windows



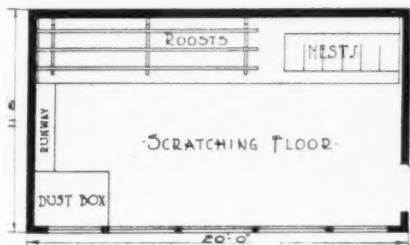
Plan and Half-Section of Barn Shown on Preceding Page. Interior Is Open to Facilitate Lighting. Self-Supporting Roof, 30-Foot Span for Main Part with 18-Foot Leanto Along Each Side.

rows of horse stalls. The cattle and young stock are allowed to stand loose in the space on one side of the horse stable and double cow stalls 7 feet wide, a calf pen and a hospital stall are provided in the space on the opposite side of the horse stable. A wide litter alley and runway is furnished on this side of the barn.

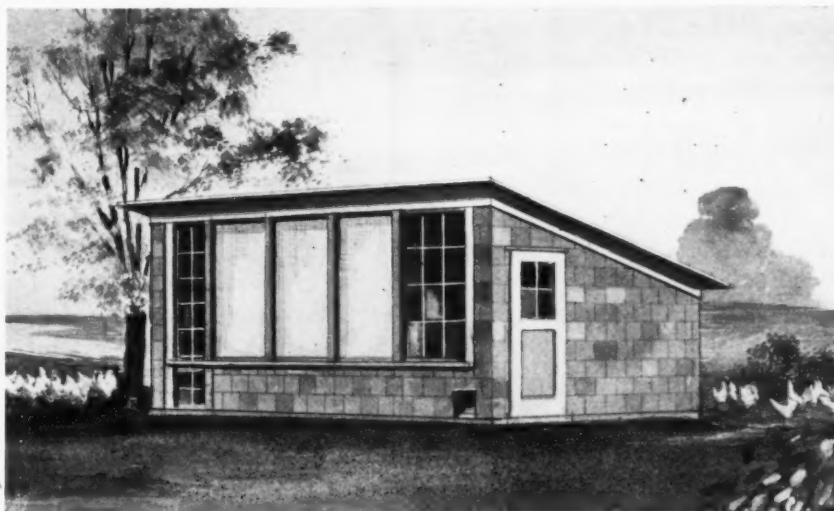
Since a large number of animals will be housed in this structure, it is absolutely necessary that special attention be given the ventilation and lighting. Three large capacity ventilators are mounted on the peak of the roof and suitable air ducts and vents are installed to handle the air. A large number of windows are placed in the outer walls which allow light to enter all parts of the open interior.

and the cheesecloth covered openings. The rafters are supported at the front on a plate mounted above the window frames. A wood plate is mounted on top of the block wall along the back to which the rafters are nailed. The roof of such a poultry house as this is usually covered with prepared roofing.

The principal features which determine the value of a poultry house are the ventilation, lighting and cleanliness. It is evident that each of these features has been given consideration in the design of this house.



Plan of Small Poultry House.



Poultry House of Concrete or Burned Clay Blocks. Plenty of Light and Fresh Air are Admitted to the Interior.



The building is as low as it is possible to make it without interfering with the movements of the attendant, which is a desirable feature.

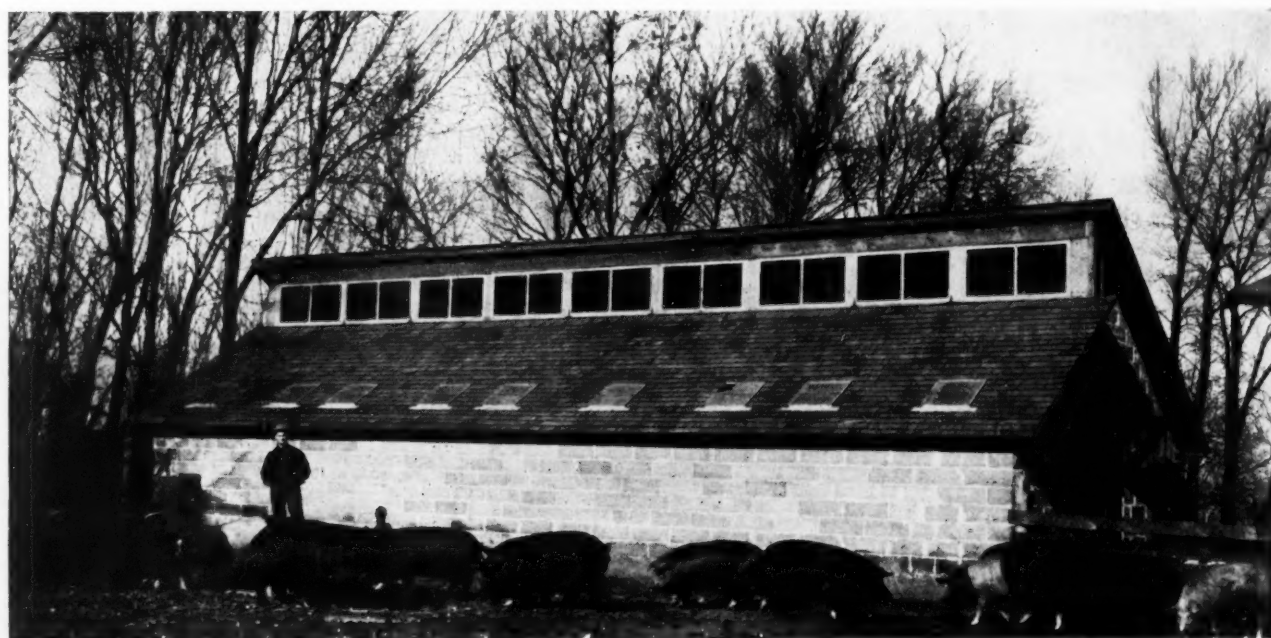


### Concrete Block Winter Hog House

The winter hog house shown on this page is a substantially built structure owned by J. Hertsel, of Early, Iowa. This structure is capable of housing about 100 pigs. The pens are 6 by 9 feet in size, a size which has come to be more or less a standard, it being considered best practice to house not more than five or six

hog house is that it is cold and unsuitable as a place for animals to sleep on. Its other advantages, however, are sufficient to make it a necessity, and the difficulty mentioned is overcome by building movable wooden floors about one-half the size of the pens upon which the bedding is placed for the hogs to sleep on. The concrete floor is sloped to the feeding alley and a gutter is formed in it along the edge of the alley from one end of the building to the other.

The roof is supported at the center of the building by two bents, which are also used to define the center

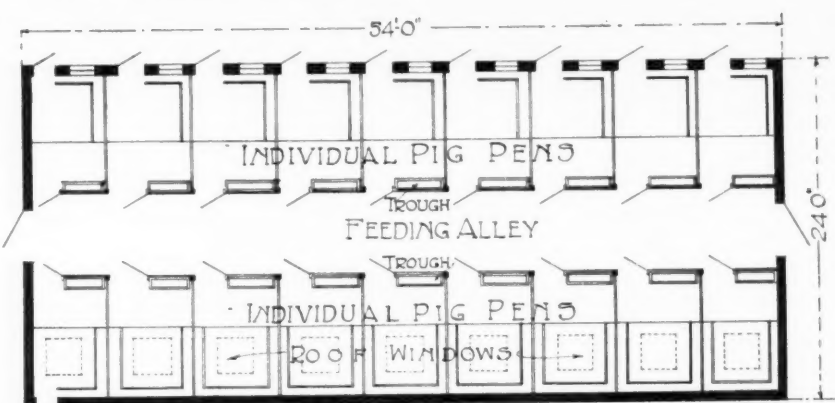


Sawtooth Roof Winter Hog House Built of Concrete Blocks. Building Is set to Face South, Which Admits Sunlight Thru the Two Sets of Windows Shown Here.

animals together in a pen. The pens are fitted with guards and troughs, and a gate is placed in each pen along the central feeding alley, which makes it easy to rearrange the animals at any time.

The roof of the building is of the sawtooth type. Two sets of windows, one in the vertical wall between roofs and the other near the bottom of the lower roof section, admit a flood of sunlight to the most remote corner of the building. These windows take the sunlight from the south, the building being placed on an east and west line. A third set of windows are placed in the north wall, this set being used to add to the effectiveness of the lighting when the light strikes the building diagonally. There will, of course, be no direct sunlight admitted thru windows in the north wall.

The floor is of concrete, which is almost a necessity in order that sanitary conditions may be maintained. The only objection to a concrete floor in a



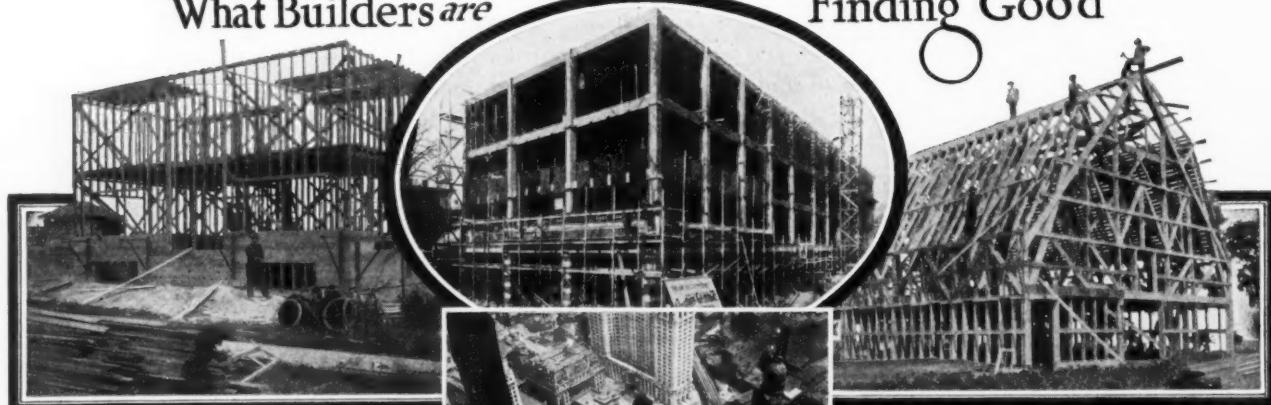
Plan of Above Hoghouse Providing Eighteen Pig Pens Each Fitted with Troughs and Guards to Protect Small Pigs.

alley, the pen fencing being built in between the vertical posts. The higher bent also forms the vertical wall in which the upper set of south-facing windows is framed. This bent is built in two parts; the lower part is carried up to the elevation of the high end of the rafters in the lower roof section and a plate is mounted on the vertical posts here, upon which the rafters are placed; the upper wall, carrying the windows, is built up from this plate.



# OUT ON THE JOB

What Builders are Finding Good



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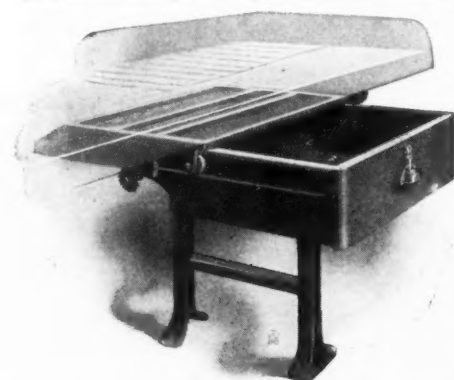
seller of any article we describe. This information is, however, kept on file and will be mailed to anyone interested; address American Builder Information Exchange, 1827 Prairie Ave., Chicago.

## Fictionless Bench Drawer

The one outstanding virtue of the old wooden drawer is that it would not of itself damage edged or pointed tools thrown in carelessly. On the other hand, it had the recognized faults that its operation was generally far from smooth, it did not furnish complete exposure of contents without danger of

running off the slides and when heavily loaded it was not strong enough to resist the bending when fully opened.

The drawer illustrated is sold as a unit and is so applied by anyone capable of inserting a few screws. The



**Bench Drawer Which Operates with Very Little Friction.**

bench is not cut in any way and no assembling is required. The drawer may be moved from one bench to another without loss. In designing this drawer, the wood has been retained for the back, bottom and front. Fine edged or precision tools can therefore be laid in it without injury.

When shut and locked it cannot be entered or removed without breaking. The drawer runs on anti-friction rolls on finished surfaces, giving that smooth movement which prevents shucking disturbance, while cramping and wedging are prevented by a parallel motion mechanism consisting of cross shaft and pinions on racks. The racks are inverted so that dirt will not clog nor wear the pinions. A cylinder lock of good grade is provided with two individual keys. Master keying may be had at a small increase in cost, if desired.



## Modern Building Instruments

Modern building construction calls for modern equipment. The contractor who has modern tools and instruments to work with has the edge on the other fellow who is still

mixing concrete by hand and leveling up his foundations with a spirit level and straight edge. Where there is steel to be placed or long buildings to be lined up and leveled off, a convertible level such as is shown in the illustration is a necessity if accuracy and dispatch are at all considered.



**A Convertible Level is Coming to Be Considered as a Necessity in the Equipment of the Modern Building Contractor.**

The up-to-date contractor and builder who uses instruments of this kind not only improves the standard of his work but he is able to check it up as he goes on and thereby eliminate errors as they occur. The result is the saving of money spent in the correction of errors and the value of good work, the best advertisement which any contractor or builder can have.



## Rural Sewage Disposal Plant

Only a few years ago cesspools were the only outlet for the refuse of the house plumbing system, where a city sewage system was not available. Every home owner knows how unsatisfactory a cesspool is—always likely to “back up” and



constantly a menace to drinking water obtained from nearby wells.

Rural sewage disposal may now be taken care of with a septic tank system which eliminates the difficulties found in the old cesspool method. There is a steel septic tank system on the market which has been found to give excellent service. It is connected to the plumbing system by standard fittings. The sewage upon entering the tank is decomposed by bacterial action and changed to a liquid which in turn is automatically syphoned off into a filter bed. The system will work in all climates and in all soils. It requires practically no attention. The system is sold and installed by contractors and builders who find the system very much preferred, by the better class of suburban home owners, to the old cesspool.



## Electrically Welded Wire and Felt Sheathing

The accompanying illustrations show a material which has been placed on the market to be used as a background for stucco or plaster and also as a reinforcing for short span slabs in roofs carrying light loads. This material consists of longitudinal and transverse 13-gauge wires on opposite sides of a sheet of tarred felt. The longitudinal wires are spaced 3 inches apart and the transverse wires are spaced 8 inches apart, the two sets of wires being joined at the crossing points by means of the electric welding process. Small holes are punched in the felt previous to the assembly of the wires, so that wires may be welded together thru these holes.

In applying the welded sheathing to studs, joists or other wooden supports, the material is securely stapled along each

support with 1¼-inch No. 14 galvanized wire staples, stapling being started at the center of the sheet and worked out toward the ends. Where stay wires fall directly over studs or joists, at least every third carrying wire is stapled thereto, but every carrying wire is stapled at the free ends of all sheets or in cases where supports come intermediate between stay wires. The material is given a side lap of at least 1½ inches, while end laps are always made over a support and with the wires of both sheets securely stapled thereto.

In concrete roof and floor construction the welded sheathing eliminates the use of forms as the material may be stapled directly to the joists and merely screened over with 1 to 1¼ inches of concrete or cement mortar. For light loads and short spans, welded sheathing provides both forms and galvanized wire reinforcement combined in one material.

In a recent test of two concrete slabs, one having a span of 24 inches and the other, 36 inches, center to center of supports, this construction carried a load of 300 pounds per square foot, uniformly distributed, at the age of about 60 days.

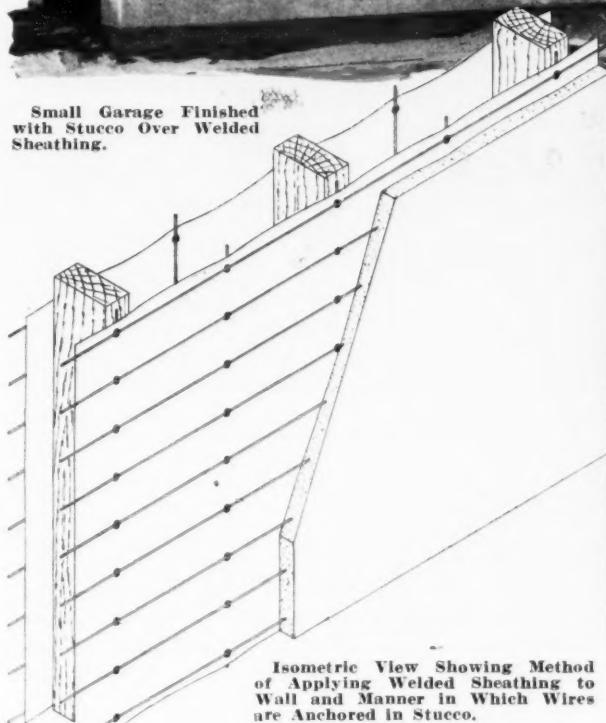


## Automatic Window Sash Lock

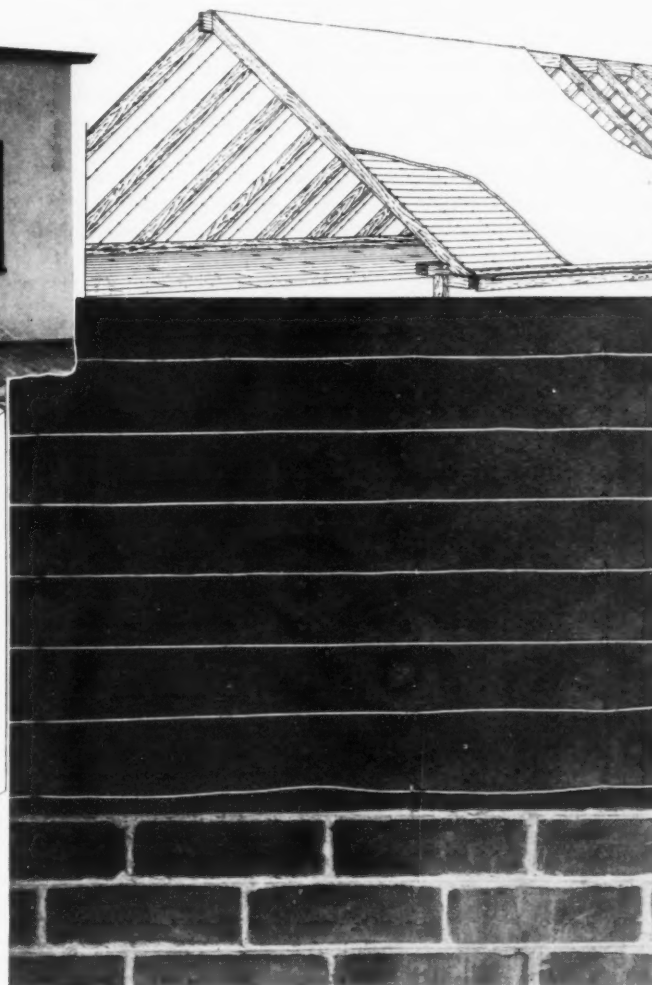
A window sash lock which is a departure from the old-fashioned type of lock is being manufactured by an Ohio firm. The illustration shows this lock and the method of its application to the window. By the nature of its construction and application, the device is automatic and self-locking; the window is always locked whether opened or closed. This feature forms the basis for several unique qualities which the device possesses.



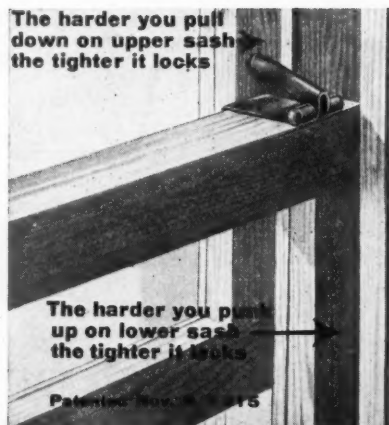
Small Garage Finished with Stucco Over Welded Sheathing.



Isometric View Showing Method of Applying Welded Sheathing to Wall and Manner in Which Wires are Anchored in Stucco.



Above—Welded Sheathing Used in Concrete Roof Slabs. Below—Appearance of Sheathing When Applied to the Wall Above Brick Foundation. Staples Hold Sheathing to Studs.



This Window Lock Works Automatically and Holds the Sash in Any Position.

is closed or opened. The harder the upper sash is pulled down or the lower sash raised up, the tighter it locks. This feature makes the window as nearly burglar-proof as it is possible to build it. The window may be left open for ventilation with perfect safety, and the annoyance of rattling is absolutely eliminated. The lock is also used on the bottom of doors to keep them open.

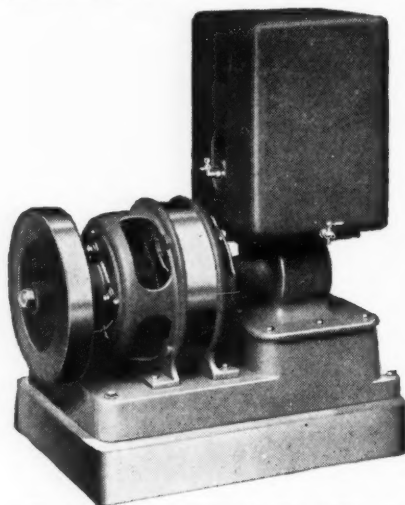


### Farm Lighting Systems and Permanent Construction

The idea of permanence in farm construction should embody, first, the construction of well-designed, long-lived buildings, but this should be supplemented with the installation of equipment which will permit the farmer to obtain the largest possible profit from his labors and the greatest possible pleasure from life.

The farmer long ago learned that when he builds his barn, every labor-saving device which will increase his net profit in handling his crop should be included. As a rule, he cannot afford to do by hand what can be done better and more quickly by machinery. He is only now learning that the same rule will apply in his home. Electricity, the great servant of the busy city housewife, should be allowed to lighten the burdens of the busy farm housewife.

Central power station electric and water service are not practical for the farmer, in most cases, but the individual plant will give him all this service. Washing, ironing, churning,

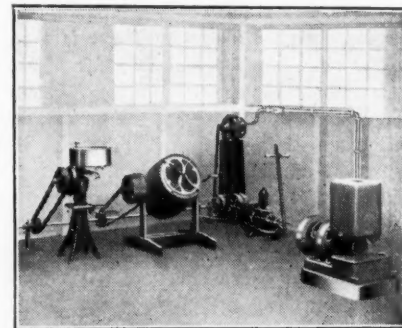


Electric Lighting Unit Consisting of Engine and Generator Mounted Together.

systems. A make-shift electric system has no place on the

farm built up on a basis of permanence. Regarding this point, there is one thing which should be carefully observed: On systems which require a storage battery, the success or the failure of the plant is largely determined by the quality of the battery equipment. A permanent battery can be had and will be furnished if insisted upon.

The position of the builder with respect to the relation between electric lighting plants and permanent construction is that his influence should be used to incorporate the electrification of farms in the building specifications.



Electric Power Will Cut Down Labor in the Dairy House.



### Ball Bearings for Floor Surfacers

In a self-contained power driven machine such as the floor surfer shown in the illustration, there are several reasons why every effort should be made to reduce bearing friction to a minimum. Fundamentally, friction in the bearings of such a machine stands for the transformation of energy in

a useful form into energy in a non-useful and even harmful form. It costs money to produce this non-useful (heat) energy, just as it costs money for the energy which does the useful work for which the machine is designed. Furthermore, friction means rapid wearing out of parts, involving high maintenance expense. Excessive friction in this portable power driven machine, then, has several disadvantages which, when all summed up,

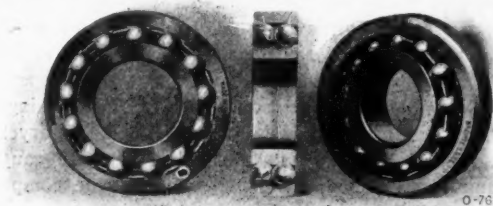


A Modern Floor Surfer Which is Equipped with Ball Bearings of the Type Shown on the Following Page.

show up as an excessive cost per square foot of floor finished.

Practical tests have demonstrated that ball bearings will eliminate from 35 to 50 per cent of the friction which would exist in a plane bearing of equal capacity. There are several types of ball bearings on the market, but experience has pointed out to the manufacturers of the machine shown that the type illustrated here has advantages not found in any other.

This bearing is self-aligning and will absolutely adjust itself with the sanding drum shaft, no matter how uneven the



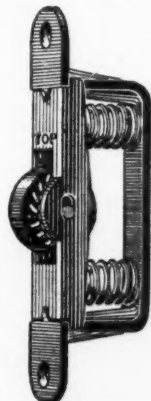
**A Ball Bearing Which is so Designed That It Compensates for Uneven Floors When Used in the Surfacers Drum Bearings.**

floor might be. Every builder will recognize the fact that the sanding drum must be so mounted as to be free to adjust itself to the boards, regardless of how the machine itself sits. The entire inner portion of the ball bearing used in this machine is made to act in the outer casing like a ball and socket joint, leaving it free to move in any direction.



## Automatic Sash Holder

A sash holder which makes the use of sash weights, cords and pulleys unnecessary is shown in the accompanying illustration. Four of these holders are used on a double-hung window, one on each side of each sash. To install, the side of the sash or frame is mortised and the holder is inserted. Solid window frames are used for the labor and material cost of the pockets for weight-balanced sash is saved.



**Sash Holder Which Eliminates Weights, Cords and Pulleys.**

The holder is made of metal, reinforced where the strain occurs, and the springs are of special piano drawn wire, galvanized. The holder is invisible when installed. Three sizes are made, to accommodate a sash weight up to 35 pounds. For heavier sash, four holders are used to each sash. This type of holder is especially adaptable to old windows that have no weight pockets or other means of holding the window

in position. In any window, the use of these holders eliminates rattling.



## Concrete Mixer with Hoist on Silo Work

The two illustrations show the efficient manner in which Harold B. Janke, of Fredonia, Wis., who is one of the largest silo builders in this state, handles concrete on his silo jobs. The machine which he uses is a combined mixer and hoist. He has three of these outfits in operation, two of which have now given over three years' service without trouble of any kind. The machines are very rigidly constructed and are also exceptionally simple to operate. The mixing capacity is from 5 to 6 cubic feet per batch.



**These Views Show How Handy the Hoist is When Used in Silo Construction.**

The hoist is mounted on the countershaft of the mixer and is operated by one lever; that is, both the hoisting and the brake device are operated by a single lever, in this way eliminating all possibility of confusion or mistakes that might result in accidents. The hoist has a capacity of about 600 to 800 pounds and can be made to hoist material at the rate of 75 to 90 feet per minute. An outfit of this sort could be used to advantage on a number of concrete building operations.



## Garage Door Holder for Hinged Doors

The garage door holder shown in the accompanying illustration prevents the damage and inconvenience caused by swinging doors.

It holds the doors securely against the action of the wind or other agents causing the door to swing shut unexpectedly. By simply swinging the doors open in the usual manner to the angle at which the holder is set, the holder is engaged. A light pull on the chain and the lock is tripped. The door may then be closed in the usual manner.



**A Simple and Strong Holder for Hinged Doors.**

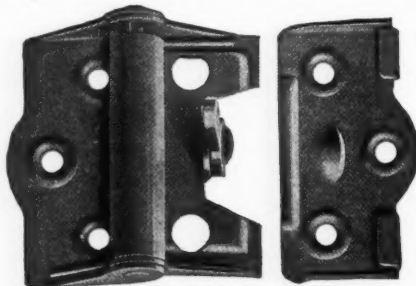
The device is very simple and is strong enough to hold the heaviest garage door. It is made of wrought iron finished with japan or galvanized. Since it is placed high up on the door, it is entirely out of the way. When closed, the holder lies in against the door and would hardly be noticed. It is designed to work either right or left hand, as the case may be.



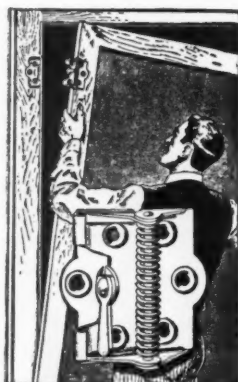


### Quick Detachable Screen and Storm Door Hinge

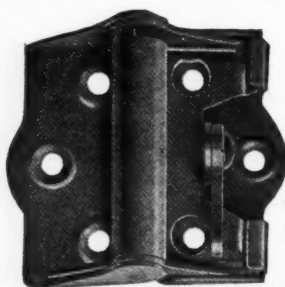
A semi-annual nuisance which has caused many a home owner to lose his temper is the search for the screw driver, screws or hinge pins which occurs when screen doors fitted with old style hinges are hung or taken down. It takes no argument at all to convince the home owner that detachable



The Two Parts of Quick Detachable Screen Door Hinge with Enclosed Spring.



No Tools are Required to Hang the Door. Inset Shows Hinge without Spring Casing.



Detachable Hinge Assembled on Door.

hinges having no loose parts are the proper thing for his screen doors. Builders may make friends by recommending or installing hinges of this type.

The illustration shows a quick detachable screen and storm door hinge which when once installed, requires no tools for subsequent placing or removal of the door and which has no loose parts which might be lost. It is a spring hinge made in several styles with and without covered spring. In hanging the door it is simply necessary to swing the lever into a horizontal position, slide the hinge together and swing the lever up into the vertical position.



### New Wood Finish Has Many Qualities

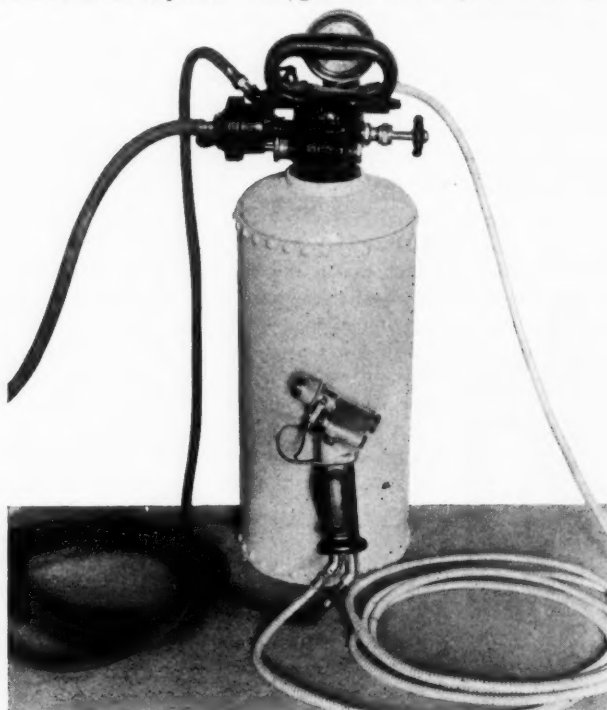
A wood finish has recently been placed on the market which is said to possess the good qualities of shellac, lacquer and varnish and which may be used to advantage in place of any of these. This finish is not affected by water, acid, alcohol, ammonia or heat in quantities or strengths such as might ordinarily come in contact with it. A coat of the new finish will dry in two hours. A fresh coat can be applied and sandpapered each day. Three coats are equivalent to one coat of shellac and two of varnish. A satin finish may be obtained by rubbing with pumice and water or oil on the fourth day.

The advancing prices of varnish and shellac have caused builders and painters to show considerable interest in this new finish.

### Paint Gun Which Applies All Grades of Paint

A paint gun which may be adjusted for spraying all grades of material from light varnishes and lacquers to heavy asphaltum and structural paints has been developed at Boston, Mass. The equipment consists of the paint gun proper, connected by flexible tubing to a portable unit combining in a compact, rugged form, the material container, air dryer and strainer, pressure control attachment and pressure gauge.

The unit is connected by a single hose to the compressed air supply, which should be from 35 to 75 pounds per square inch, depending upon the nature of the material used and the sort of finish required. The gun has two adjustments: The



Complete Paint Gun Outfit Which, When Connected to a Suitable Compressed Air Supply by Heavy Tube Leading Off at Left, Will Spray Any Grade of Paint.

round cap at the nose, which screws out or in, regulating the amount of material, and the knurled stem which screws out or in to control the amount of air. The control trigger acts on both air and material, regulating the amount sprayed from nothing to the full amount for which the adjustments are made.

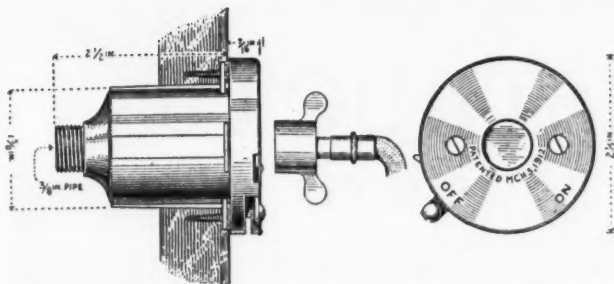
The control head includes a pressure gauge showing the air pressure on the main supply line and also on the material in the pressure tank. An adjustable reducing valve is provided by which pressure on the material may be varied at will. This valve also permits the use of the gun with relatively low pressure on a high pressure supply line.



### Safe Connection for Portable Gas Appliances

The principal objection to portable gas appliances, in the past, has been centered in the unsightly and unsafe tubing and connections which were used with them. Investigation has proved that the use of properly installed and regulated gas appliances in a room has no harmful effect upon the air in the room. What is more, the ventilation of a room is benefitted by the use of such fixtures and appliances.

The device shown in the accompanying illustrations forms the basis of a universal and interchangeable system for connecting portable gas appliances, which combines appearance,



Baseboard, Wall or Floor Connection Plate and Union Which Forms the Basis of a Safe System of Connecting Portable Gas Appliances.

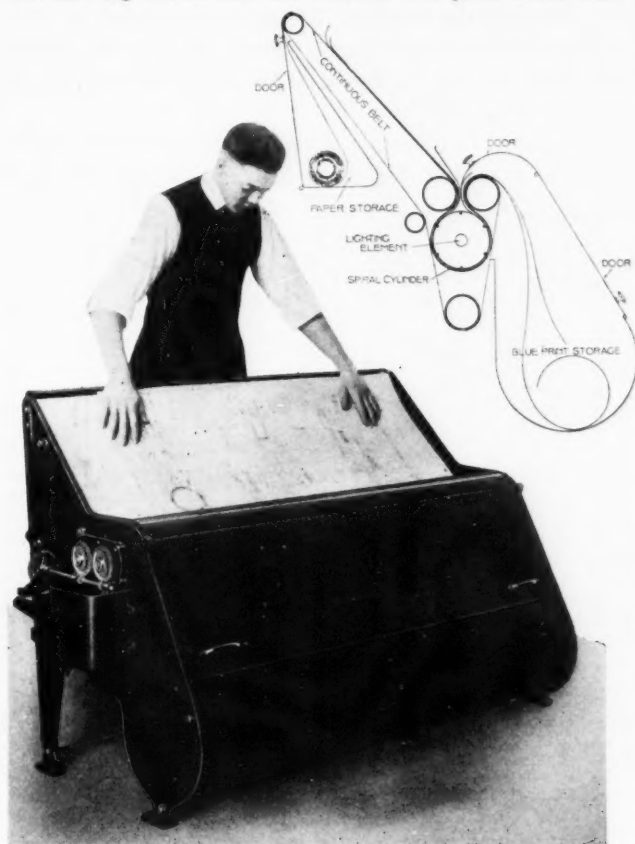
safety and convenience. The fixture or "plate" is a gas outlet or connection designed for baseboard, wall or floor. The union which is a part of every outlet fixture will also connect to any ordinary gas cock or fixture by means of special adaptor fittings. The system may be installed in any part of any room in houses already built or under construction.

The fixture fits as gracefully into the most elegantly furnished rooms as into those of the more modest homes. The metallic union or hose coupling takes the place of the unsafe rubber slip-end. The tubing used is gas proof and practically as safe as iron pipe; it will permit the gas to stand in the tubing without leaking. The gas cannot be turned on at the plate unless the tubing is attached. Neither can the tubing be accidentally detached or pulled off while the gas is on.



## Electrically Operated Blue Print Machine

The electrically operated blue printing machine shown in the accompanying illustrations has been designed by a Michigan firm especially to give economical and effective service. The drawing shows how the machine will print either con-



An Electrically Operated Blueprint Machine Which Will Print Either Separate Sheets or Continuous Rolls. Its Simple Operation is Shown in the Drawing.

tinuous rolls or separate sheets, the paper traveling with the feeding belt on an incline with the tracing, which is carried to the feed roller and around the printing cylinder, in which is mounted the lighting element. The paper is then delivered to the light-tight storage compartment and the tracing comes back to the operator. Any desired length of blue print can be made in any width from 2 to 48 inches.

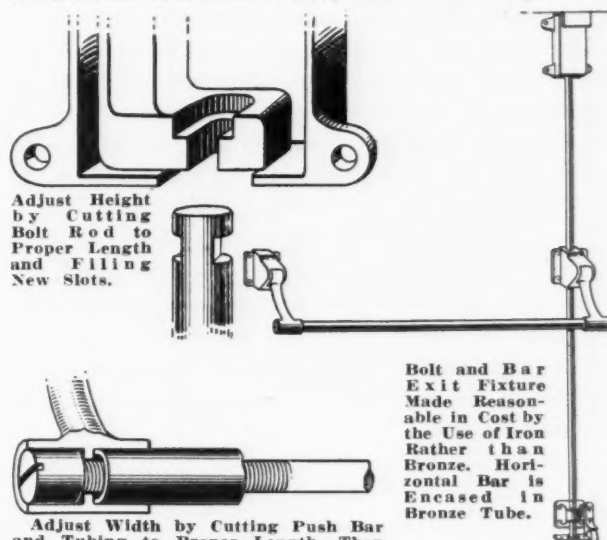
The total current consumption of the machine, including the lighting element and the motor at 110 volts, is only 5 amperes. The light is obtained from a mercury vapor lamp, which is no harder to maintain and operate than an ordinary incandescent lamp. By centering this lamp in the printing cylinder, the light is always 2 inches from the paper during the printing process, which results in assured uniformity of exposure and maximum lighting efficiency.

The printing cylinder which surrounds the lighting element is composed of longitudinal and spirally disposed wires, woven right handed at one side of the center of the machine and left handed at the other side. The action of this cylinder in operation is to iron or spread the tracing out, giving a perfect contact between the tracing and the paper. The machine does not require a darkened room because the light-tight compartments do away with this necessity.



## New Bolt and Bar Exit Fixture

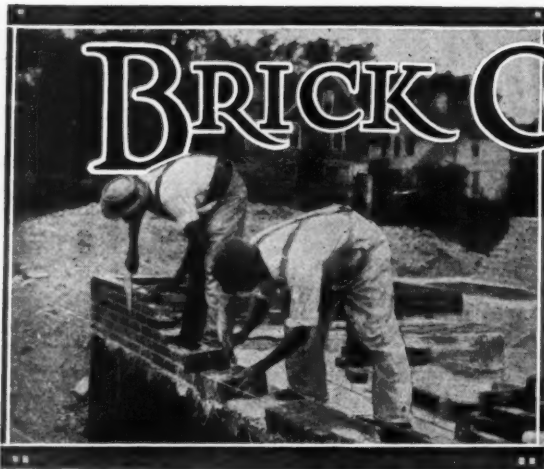
A new anti-panic exit fixture which is made to provide a fixture of this type at a reasonable cost is shown in the illustrations. It is made of iron, with bronze tubing covering



the horizontal bar and is light, quick acting, simple in design and easy to attach. The bolt regularly supplied is for doors 8 feet 6 inches high by 3 feet wide. The illustrations show how it is possible in applying the devices to fit them to narrower or shorter doors by shortening the bolt rod or push bar.

When the bar is depressed, withdrawing the bolt heads, they are held in a retracted position until the door is again closed, contact with the strike releasing the bolts and projecting them into the strikes. This provision prevents the bolt coming in contact with the floor or sill. The fixture is especially useful for country school houses or small auditoriums where the law requires free exit and bronze metal fixtures would be too expensive. The small cost makes it possible to adopt them in places where panic is not possible, but where the lock-out function coupled with a ready exit are required, as on doors to store rooms, laboratories and other such rooms.

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# BRICK CONSTRUCTION

## for Modern Carpenters and Builders



### How Do You Figure What Your Buildings Cost?

By Matt. L. King

DO you figure first or last cost—or do you figure what your buildings cost per year? The latter is the right way. You should add the first cost, divided by the length of time the building will last, to the annual cost of paint, repairs, taxes and insurance. This will give the actual cost per year.

Of course you know there are some things insurance cannot cover, even tho you collect enough from the insurance company to replace the buildings—the inconvenience of rebuilding, upsetting your plans for the season, and “getting along” until the new buildings are ready. A FIRE IS ALWAYS A LOSS TO YOU.

Break away from the habit of building as your father was forced to build. In his day, wood was cheap and clay blocks had not come into general use and brick were more expensive than today. This condition made burnable material logical. My father drove a yoke of oxen and built his barns of wood. He used the best he could get. Farming has progressed—you should keep posted on the latest you can get, building with permanent materials.

The original cost of a permanent clay building is little if any more than a burnable structure, and the upkeep is much less. Even if the total cost of the permanent building were more—one could borrow the money and by paying on the loan what you would otherwise have to pay for paint and repairs, return the loan with interest in a short time.



### Number of Bricks per Square Foot of Wall Surface

By N. M. Stineman  
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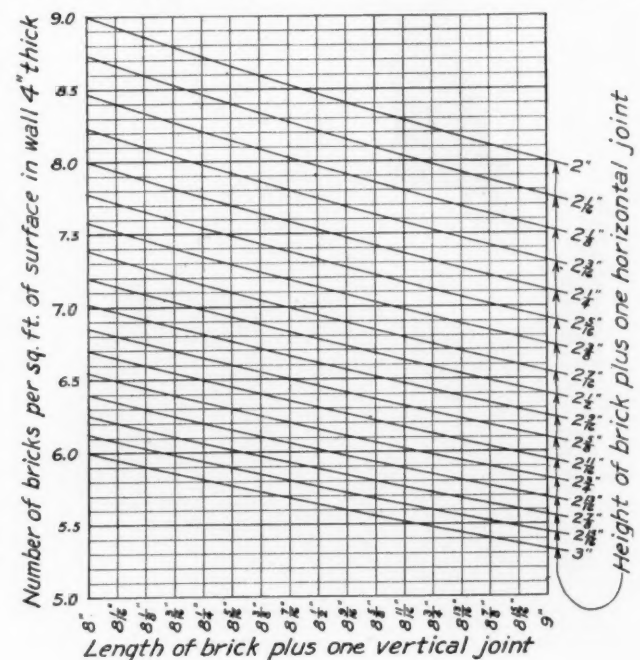
THE accompanying diagram for determining the number of bricks per square foot of wall surface does away with the necessity of juggling around with awkward common fractions, and with the consequent mistakes that are almost sure to result.

The diagram, if carried around in a note-book or tacked up near one's desk, is a convenient, accurate,

and time-saving device. It is applicable to any ordinary size of brick, and any thickness of joint, this being possible from the fact that the space occupied by one brick in a wall is equivalent to the area of the face of the brick, plus one horizontal joint, plus one vertical joint. Thus the length occupied by a brick in a wall is equal to the actual length of the brick plus one vertical joint, and the height occupied is equal to the actual height of the brick plus one horizontal joint.

With these total dimensions in mind, it is necessary only to enter the diagram at the bottom at the proper point, follow a vertical line to the proper diagonal, and extend horizontally from this point to the left of the diagram, where the answer is read. The range of the diagram covers a scope wide enough to apply to any ordinary sizes of bricks and thicknesses of joints.

*Example to illustrate use:* Assume a brick  $8\frac{3}{8}$  in. long and  $2\frac{1}{4}$  in. high, vertical and horizontal joints



BRICK-COMPUTING DIAGRAM





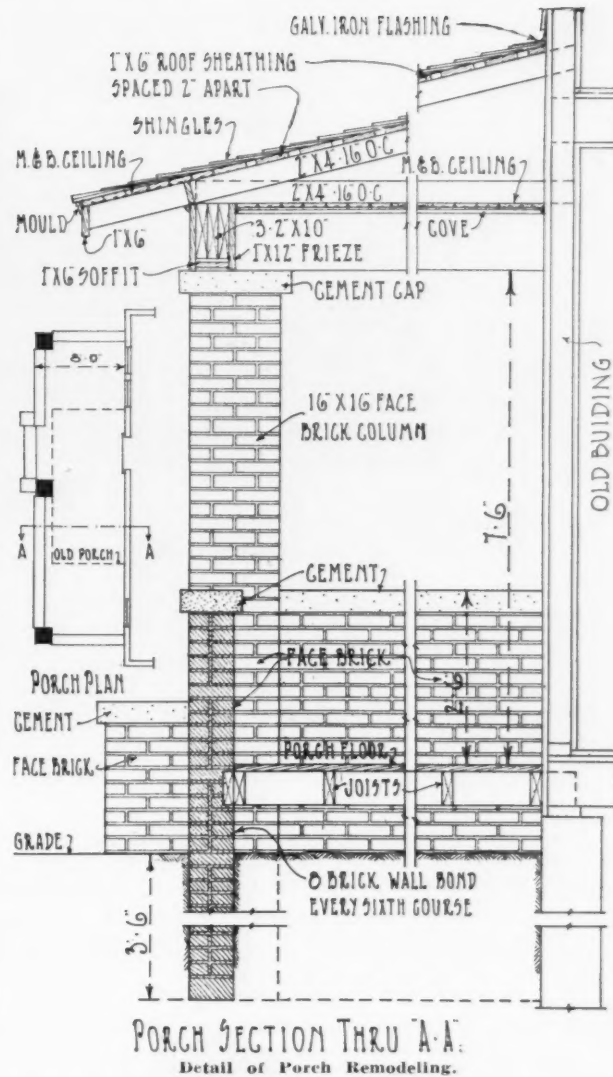
This House is Good for Many Years to Come, but It Needs a New Porch and Needs It Badly.

5/16 in. and 1/4 in. thick, respectively. The length of brick plus one vertical joint is 8 11/16 in., and the height of brick plus one horizontal joint is 2 1/2 in. Enter the diagram at the bottom, at the line marked 8 11/16, extend vertically to the diagonal line marked 2 1/2, and from this point extend horizontally to the left of the diagram, where the answer is found to be 6.63 bricks per sq. ft. in wall 4 in. thick.



## Puts a New Face on the Matter

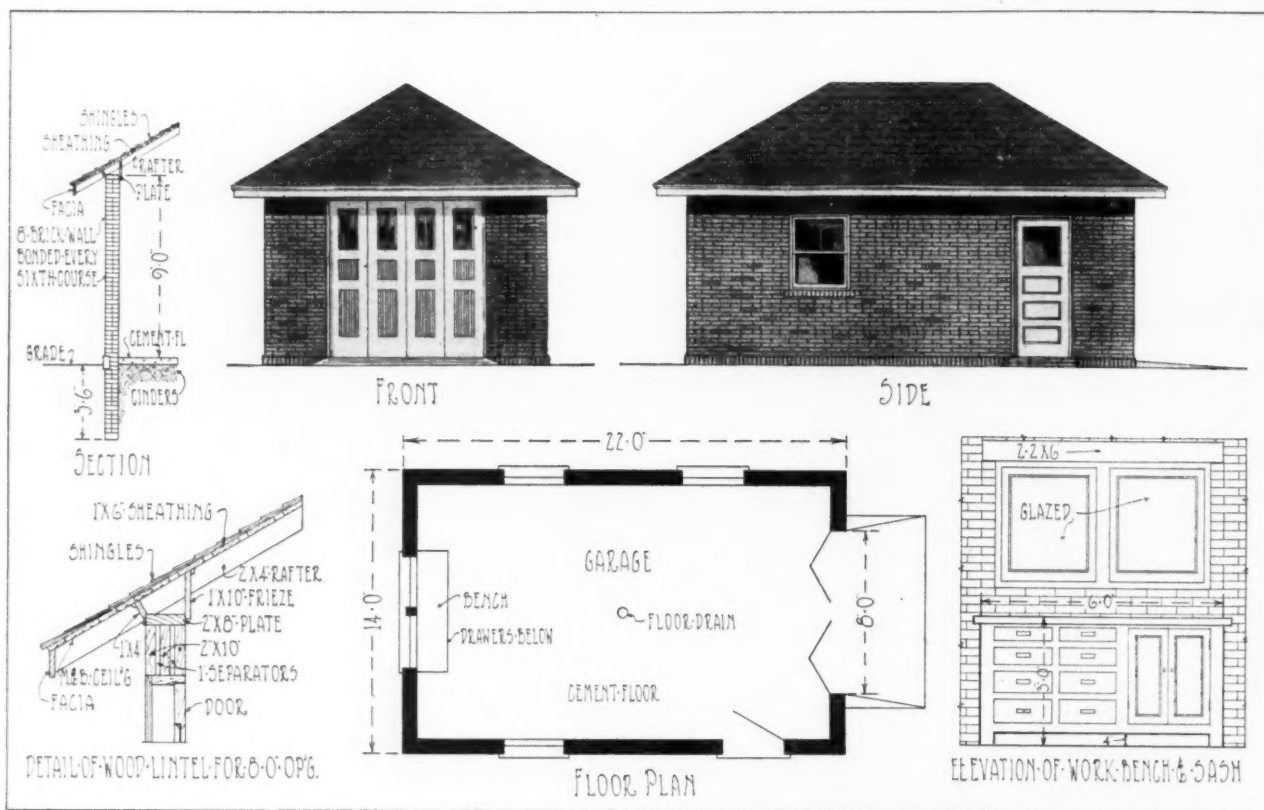
**M**R. B. T. COLE, of Thomson, Ill., has been feeling for some time that the floor, posts and roof tied to the front of the house shown in the upper left-hand corner of this page could hardly be called a porch. His feelings on this matter prompted him to call on the Architectural Department of AMERICAN BUILDER. The view below seems to put an entirely new face on the matter.



After Mr. Cole Has Built of Face Brick, Concrete, Mortar and Wood What the Artist Has Pictured Here, This House Will Need No Apologies, Even When Winter Strips the Curtain of Leaves From the Trees in the Front Yard.



**BEAUTIFUL BRICK FIRE ENGINE HOUSE.** This fire engine house is distinctive, both because of its architectural design and because of the novel method of building up its face brick walls. It is situated at Richmond, California. Two kinds of face brick are used, the darker in color being laid in the lower walls with the lighter colored wall above. The color contrast between the header and stretcher brick in the upper wall is very effective.



**ONE-CAR BRICK GARAGE.** This one-car garage is an easily-built structure which will fully meet the requirement of permanence, is reasonably fireproof and will cost practically nothing to maintain. The walls are of face brick laid in common bond above the header course at grade. A simple hip type roof is used, which may be covered with any desired roofing material. A work bench and cabinet is shown as a suggestion for convenience.



Beautiful Brick Veneer Home. Size, 28 feet by 31 feet. Contains Five Rooms, Bath, Pantry and Four Large Closets.

### A Substantial House of Brick Veneer

The builder is ever on the lookout for things which will enable him to satisfy the disposition of his various clients. This design will appeal to the builder in more than one way.

The framing of the house is constructed in the usual way with 2 by 4-inch studs. The sheathing is of  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch lumber. The inside is lathed and plastered in the customary manner.

Brick veneering is used over the sheathing in place of weatherboards. For this veneering beautiful face brick are used. The brick veneer is held fast against the studding by metal ties. These are short metal strips which are fastened to the studding and extend out into the mortar joints. There is one of these metal ties at ever fourth course of the brick in height and the other way they are the same distance apart as the studding.

The house is not only attractive because of the particular architectural design embodied in it, but further than this it has a neat and well-balanced appearance brought out by the face brick veneer.

The living room is large and the front door enters directly into it. This is popular today, especially where the living room is so exceptionally large as in this instance.

The stairway to the second floor is built back in the wall of the living room which separates this room from the

kitchen. The arrangement, besides giving a neat appearance to the large living room also makes an excellent place for the stairway going down to the cellar. Other arrangements would make it necessary to take space for the cellar stairs from either the kitchen or the living room. The groups of three windows on either side of the living room make it light and cheerful, a thing appreciated by everyone.

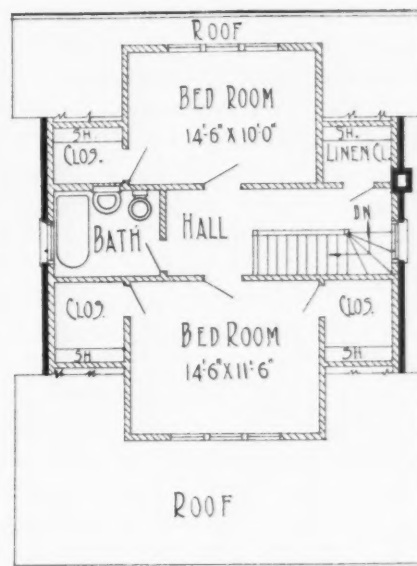
The dining room with a buffet built

on the side wall has the advantage of a direct connection with the kitchen, at the same time the rooms have been arranged so that there is a nice large pantry between the rooms which can be reached as easily from either.

The second floor, tho simple, is very conveniently arranged. Both of the chambers have a group of three windows, are large and have very large closets, things which should never be neglected in any well designed house.



First Floor Plan.



Second Floor Plan.

Arrangement of House. Size 28 feet by 31 feet.





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## Quality and Grades of Material

WHERE SOFT BLOCKS MAY BE USED AND WHERE THEY SHOULD NOT BE USED—TWO SIMPLE TESTS FOR ABSORPTION

By Matt L. King

**T**HE discussion of quality should be started with a frank understanding that all manufacturers of any and every material make two kinds of stuff. One is good and the other is poor. One of the important matters and one which is pretty well taken care of by clay manufacturers is to send the poor material to the scrap heap.

Among the good blocks we find some that are good for any purpose and some that are good only for certain purposes. Some are attractive for face material. Other grades, while a little off in color, are entirely suitable to meet the most rigid requirements as to strength and permanence.

In practically every kiln of material there will be found still another grade, that is medium or soft burned. This ordinarily does not materially affect the strength of the material. But such material will absorb more or less moisture and therefore is not fit to be placed near the grade line, or where it will, while wet, be subjected to a daily freezing and thawing which occurs in the spring and fall.

Color is not a very reliable indication of hardness or absorption. Of course, if you are comparing different qualities of material made at the same plant, then color becomes quite an important item.

There are, however, a few general specifications that should be observed in the purchase of clay material for various purposes. The questions of color and character of surface are questions of personal taste that must be handled separately by the purchaser. The question of strength for ordinary purposes will take

care of itself in that any sound block is strong enough.

The principal question to be considered is that of absorption and it is of importance only as above stated, where the block is subjected to daily freezes and thaws while damp. It is customary to specify for brick to be placed under trying conditions that its absorption shall not be greater than 12 per cent.

There is perhaps occasion for slightly more rigid specifications with building tile, and for years it has been my custom to specify that blocks exposed to the weather should absorb 10 per cent or even less of moisture. Ordinarily it is only necessary to specify to the dealer that material of a certain absorption is desired or that it is to be used for external walls.

If, however, it is desired for any reason to conduct an absorption test, it is a comparatively simple matter and no special apparatus is necessary. If there are no more convenient means for conducting the test it may be done as follows:

Place the block to be tested in an oven in which the temperature can be kept higher than the boiling point of water. The fire should be kept up for at least 48 hours.

When the block is thoroly dried by this process, it should be weighed. It is not necessary to have expensive or unusual apparatus for this purpose. Use a spring balance or family scale, in fact anything that will weigh to an ounce. After weighing and making note of this weight, place the block in water.

At the end of 24 hours wipe it and weigh it. Put it back in the water and weigh it at the end of another

24 hours. At this time it will have absorbed practically all that it will absorb, but can be put back into the water for as many periods as desired or until it will not increase further in weight. Wipe it and weigh it again.

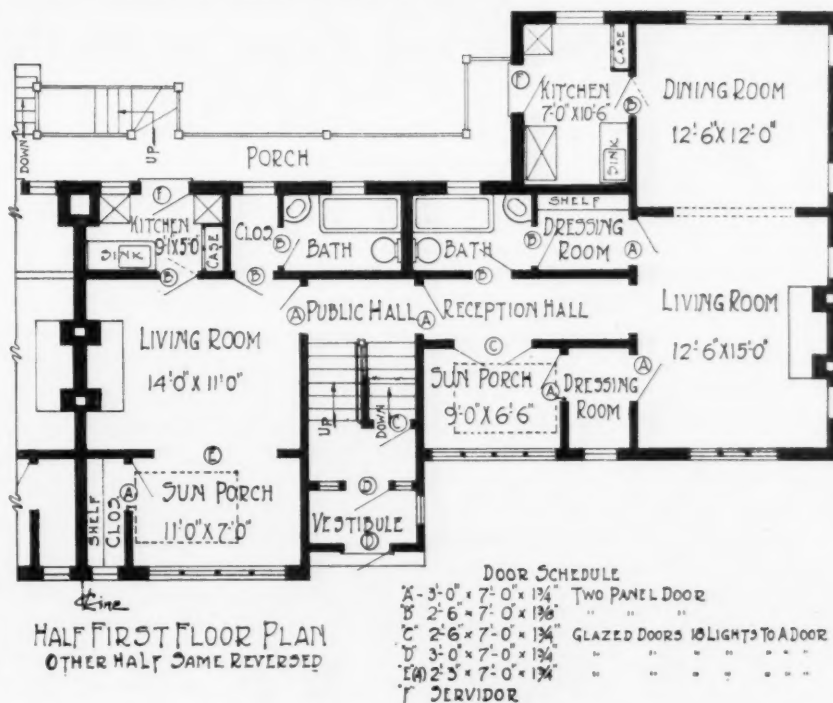
Take the difference in the dry and wet weight and divide the dry weight into this difference. The result will be the percentage of absorption. Any other blocks in the same shipment can be judged as to their absorption simply by their color and general appearance.

If you happen to be near the factory the block taken directly from the kiln will of course be absolutely dry and will save the first part of this job as described above.

After a man has experience in these materials he will break off a piece of dry block, touch it to his tongue, and get a pretty fair idea as to absorption. A vitrified material will feel to the tongue like glass or other non-absorbent material, while a soft material will cling to the tongue slightly. A little practice will give a very fair idea in this way.

#### High Grade Apartment Building in Small City

THE fact that apartment buildings are being found a profitable investment in small cities is becoming more and more evident every day. High grade apartment buildings are being constructed in these cities and their advent is enthusiastically welcomed



Half First Floor Plan of Olmsted Apartments at Green Bay, Wisconsin, Which Represents Modern Small Apartment Arrangement.

by everyone concerned.

The building illustrated below is an excellent example of the high grade type of construction used. This apartment building is the property of Dr. A. O. Olmsted, of Green Bay, Wis. It was designed by Carr & Walsh, architects, and the structural tile used in the construction of the exterior walls and the central dividing wall was furnished by F. Hurlbut Company.

The walls are built of tile having a fine matt surface on the first story and the second story walls are scored face tile plastered with stucco on the exterior.



Beautiful Apartment Building Owned by Dr. A. O. Olmsted at Green Bay, Wisconsin. Walls are of Fine Matt Face Tile Below and Stucco on Tile Above.

## Securing Trim to Hollow Tile

IT'S AN EASY THING TO DO AND HERE IS HOW IT IS DONE

By J. J. Cosgrove

"I WOULD sooner fasten trim to a building of hollow tile than to a building of any other form of construction—if—and herein lies the nub of the entire situation, if the building is properly constructed for the purpose."

It was a building contractor just completing a dairy depot who spoke, and he was filled with his subject, for the building had to be fitted with shelving and hooks and brackets, as well as with trim, and he would have had a bothersome job had it not been



Milk Depot at Greenville, N. J., Constructed of Hollow Tile.

for his knowledge and forethought when building the walls.

"All you need to do is put in a little time and study planning the work," he continued, "and this brings us to something not generally known and not always taken advantage of by builders.

"To the ordinary layman, and to many who ought to know better, hollow tile is hollow tile. In appearance, 'tis true, the different grades look very much alike, but there is a vast difference in their properties. Just look at these spalls," and he handed some fragments of hollow tile around to the crowd which had gathered to listen.

"As you will observe, they are of different densities. One is known as a *dense* tile, another as *porous* tile, and the remaining one as *semi-porous* tile. Each grade has its own particular and peculiar field of usefulness, according to the properties it possesses.

"Dense tile has a very dense texture and possesses a low degree of absorption. It is not materially

affected by exposure to the elements, and as it possesses great crushing strength makes a good material where heavy loads must be carried, as, for instance, the bearing walls of buildings.

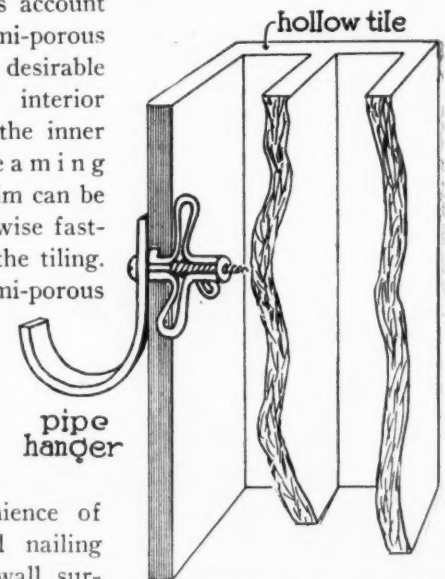
"Now notice how porous this piece of tile is. This is made by mixing sawdust with the plastic clay. In the intense heat of the kiln the sawdust is burned away leaving the tile full of little cells like those of a sponge.

"Semi-porous tile, the one you are holding, is made by mixing finely ground coal instead of sawdust with the plastic clay. The coal burns out during the process of firing, leaving the tile of a porous texture.

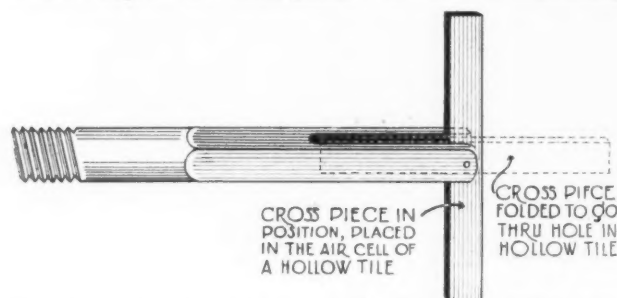
"Porous and semi-porous tile have a wide range of usefulness. Owing to the cells they contain they will absorb a large amount of water, so are not so suitable as dense tile for exposed places in cold climates where alternate wetting and freezing might soon destroy the material. When used in the interior of a building, on the other hand, they are at their best. Owing to their porous textures nails and screws can be driven into them, and what is equally important, the nails or screws will hold as well as tho driven in wood. On this account

porous and semi-porous tile are very desirable materials for interior partitions and the inner courses of bearing walls, as the trim can be nailed or otherwise fastened direct to the tiling. Porous and semi-porous tile are easily worked, too, as they can be cut with a saw or other edge tool.

"The convenience of having a good nailing material or a wall surface which will readily take a screw or nail at any point, and hold it with the grip of a vise, will be appreciated by every contractor who has had shelving to put up, or hanging racks of any kind. There is no hunting for studding only to find there are none where you want to secure brackets or cleats. For ordinary work you simply put up the bracket or cleat where it properly belongs, and nail or screw it to the wall with full confidence that the nail or screw will find something to bed in, and that it will hold with the grip of a bulldog.



Pipe Hangers May be Secured to Hollow Tile by a Screw Fitting of This Sort.



Fixture Which is Inserted Thru Hole in Tile After Which Cross Arm is Swung Around, Preventing Its Withdrawal.





Five-Room Cottage Built of Self-Facing Structural Tile. Cost, \$1,000.00

"Suppose you need a firmer and better hold on the wall than you can get by simply driving in a nail or sending home a screw. Take, for instance, this milk depot. In it I had strong hooks to put up to hold heavy milk cans. There were also pipe racks to be secured to the walls on which to carry steam pipes and refrigeration pipes. Brackets had to be put up for shelving, and an unusually large number of fixtures had to be fastened to the walls.

"But that is a condition common to many kinds of buildings as no doubt you have already found out. All industrial and commercial buildings, in fact, require numerous fittings secured to the walls, so what I say about this milk depot will apply equally to all.

"Expansion bolts you are familiar with I know, for you have all used them in your practice, so I need not dwell upon them now. Every one who has used an expansion bolt knows its worth, and the way it will

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Plan of Small Tile House. Size, 30 Feet by 32 Feet 5 Inches, Exclusive of Rear Porch.



Plan of Tile Cottage. Size, 25 Feet 10 Inches by 30 Feet 6 Inches, Exclusive of Porches.

## Two Attractive Tile Cottages

THE two small houses illustrated on this page are built of a type of structural tile which is self-facing and so designed that moisture does not penetrate thru the joints between blocks. They represent a type of small house construction which is economical because of its high quality. The painting bills are negligible and the depreciation is very low.

The cost of this type of construction is not excessive. The house shown above has been built for \$1,000, while the one shown below cost \$1,350, not including heating and plumbing costs. While there is little effort made to ornament these buildings, their appearance is pleasing, giving the impression that they represent serviceable, sensible construction rather than the "thin-plated" kind that looks good only when it is new.



Small House of Structural Tile Which is Neat in Appearance and Especially Well Arranged. Cost, \$1,350.00.



## The Use of Hydrated Lime in Concrete and Cement Products

By Bela Nagy

Chief Engineer, Hydrated Lime Bureau of  
the National Lime Manufacturers' Association.

**A**LL who have followed with attention the development of engineering and building construction could not help but notice the extensive and ever-increasing use of hydrated lime in concrete and other portland cement products. This growth in the use of hydrated lime is not the result of artificial stimulation, but is due to the experience and observation of many prominent engineers, contractors and manufacturers who had ample opportunity and facilities to observe the improvement wrought by the addition of a small percentage of hydrated lime to concrete and other products dependent on the use of portland cement.

Before discussing the use and advantages of hydrated lime it is proper that I say a few words of the material itself.

To define the product we may state that hydrated lime is a dry flocculent powder produced by the slacking of quicklime under standardized factory conditions and expert supervision. Its principal advantages over other forms of lime are: that it leaves the factory completely slacked and ready for instant use; it may be stored without danger of fire or deterioration and it is furnished in convenient packages of uniform size which permits easy handling and exact proportioning.

It is not a specialty but a staple material of construction obtainable all over the country from practically all dealers in builders' supplies.

The earliest uses of hydrated lime in concrete were for the purpose of making concrete water-tight and from the accounts published some of those who read them assumed that water-tightness is the only benefit that may be derived from its use. We know and have positive proofs that hydrated lime will make concrete

water-tight, but we believe that this is incidental to the beneficial effects of hydrated lime by way of improving the plastic properties of concrete.

It has been stated that hydrated lime waterproofs concrete by acting as an inert void filler. No doubt this is true to a certain extent, but we believe that its



O. P. Decker, Kooskia, Idaho, writes regarding this concrete house: "We consider it ideal for all kinds of weather. It is very easy to heat and is very cool in the hottest weather. It is a veneered house."

main effect in making concrete water-tight is in furnishing an internal and external lubricant that permits easy movement of the particles so that it will flow into place easily, fill the forms thoroly and settle in place without voids and pockets, forming a dense and homogeneous mass with less work. This increased plasticity and the fact that there is less temptation to ruin the concrete with an excess of water, which would cause segregation, are important properties which alone are sufficient reason for the use of hydrated lime; and it does make concrete water-tight.

There are many points in connection with concrete on which experts disagree, but all recent discussions of the subject show that they are unanimous in their opinion that excess of mixing water is the cause of more poor concrete than anything else, provided the materials are properly selected.

This excess of water is used to facilitate spouting, handling and placing, which items form considerable part of the cost of concrete labor. While it accomplishes the results sought for in part only it surely produces inferior concrete.

A concrete containing an excess of water is far more porous and much weaker than a dense concrete mixed with the proper amount of water. This is only natural if we consider that the excess of water takes up space and after the hardening of the concrete evaporates and leaves voids. The investigations of the U. S. Bureau of Standards and other investigators have conclusively proven that concrete mixed with an excess of water may be several hundred per cent weaker than one mixed with the proper amount of water.

Then there are other evils of an excess of water. It is quite natural that in a wet concrete the paste or matrix is not firm enough to keep the aggregates in suspension and therefore the sand and stone will segregate and settle in layers according to their respective sizes and so neither ingredient will perform the true function for which it is intended. On the top of the various materials is found at the end of a day's work, a layer of laitance without binding power, which is a source of weakness wherever found.

Then there are the stone pockets and honeycombs which are the result of the improper use of water.

As I have stated, the excess of water is used to

make the concrete flow and work easier, but the results are uniformly unsatisfactory, whether concrete is spouted or distributed in carts or wheelbarrows.

Now, let us see how the use of hydrated lime eliminates these evils.

I made the statement that one of the most important properties of hydrated lime is its extreme plas-



A Concrete Feeding Floor for the Hogs is One of the Best Uses of Cement Around the Farm.

ticity.

The addition of a small percentage of hydrated lime permits concrete to be mixed with the right amount of water and produces a concrete which may be spouted, handled and placed much more readily than one without its use. This is due to the fact that it acts as a lubricant, so to say, and with its aid concrete becomes mobile.

But while a concrete in which hydrated lime has been used flows easier, the paste or matrix is firm enough to keep the aggregates in suspension and uniformly distributed thruout the mass, producing a concrete that is homogeneous. Furthermore, this lubrication of the particles permits of their sliding in their proper place so as to produce a dense concrete.

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Attractive Bungalow with Poured Concrete Walls, Stuccoed Over for Finishing Coat. The Face Brick Veneer Course is an Interesting Detail.



### Individualism in the Community Wash Room

A WASH ROOM for sixty men, each of whom has a separate wash bowl is shown in the accompanying photograph. Each bowl may be lifted from its place and thoroly scoured. A 3-inch hot water main, and a similar cold water main, form the center line of the arrangement down the middle of the room, which has a cement floor and opens off a main corridor between shops. Each pipe is tapped by a self-closing spigot for each bowl. The bowl has a plug and a slot in the side which prevents overflow. Plug-hole and slot both open above a long trough running along

### A Living Room Alcove

Designed by Ralph W. Ermeling, Architect

THIS month we illustrate the homelike, retiring part of a living room. In fact any house which does not boast of a library will be more desirable and attractive with this feature developed. The actual space in plan is 7 feet by 14½ ft. There is a fireplace at one end, a bookcase at the other, and the side is used for a built-in seat. At the ends of the seat are two small corner cabinets with an open space above for books, magazines or the usual mantel ornaments.

The seat is of simple vigorous construction, heavy square legs supporting the seat proper and the apron



This Wash Room Accommodates Sixty Men, Each Having His Own Locker and Wash Bowl. Wash Bowls are Detachable for Scouring.

underneath all the bowls on one side, both troughs emptying into a waste pipe at the end.

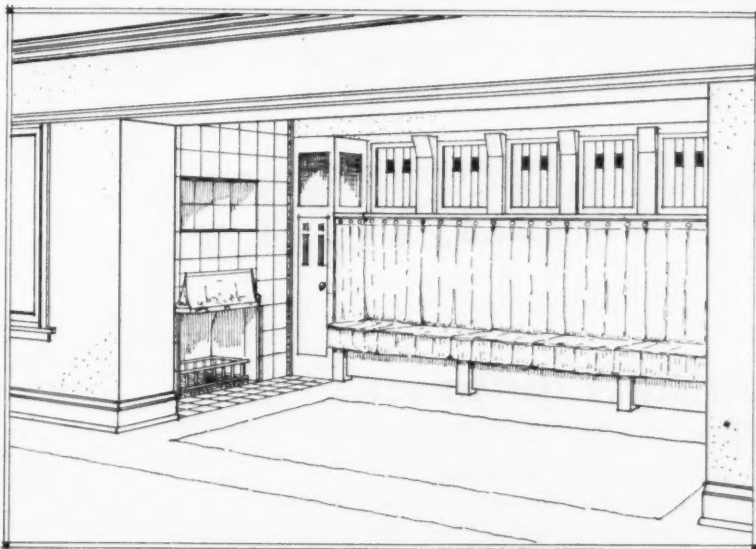
It is found that the neatness of the whole, and the fact that each man has a bowl of his own, has a tendency to do away with fooling and playing. This tendency is soon completed by the fact that every man has a locker whose contents would not be helped by wet, so that altho everybody is in a hurry, a few are always willing to stop long enough to give to a splasher or practical joker a little corrective "rough-house." Nevertheless, a grated catch basin is put into the floor, and the cement slopes toward it. The floor is sluiced over with water every day or so.

PETER F. O'SHEA.

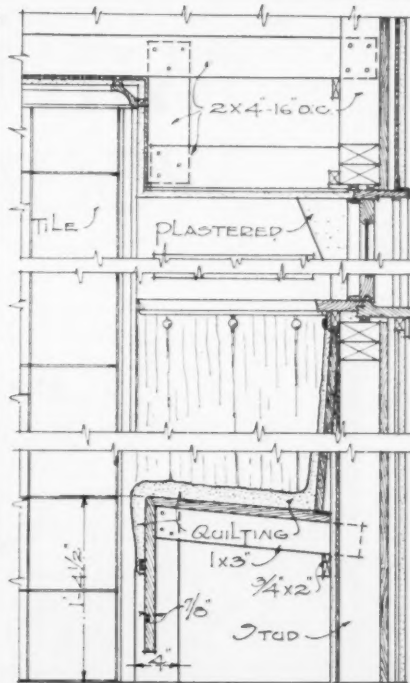
across the front. A simple rail at the top finishes the backing which is a 3-inch V beaded stock. This may be covered as shown, with a quilting of denim.

The bookcases have single glass panel doors with art glass at the top. Small drawers at the bottom are useful. The doors of the corner cases are of plain veneered stock and flush with the case around them. A simple and perhaps unusual ornamentation on each door is shown in the detail. A workman handy with the chisel can perform this operation.

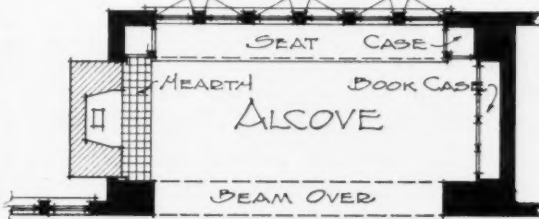
The sash over the seat are casements and art glass is used. The mullions between the windows are not cased in in the ordinary fashion, but are plastered and formed to give a structural appearance.



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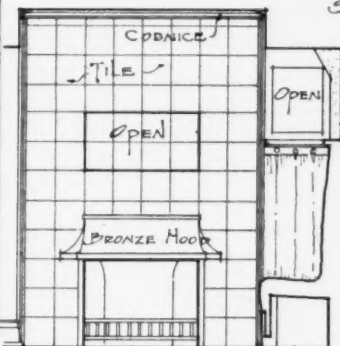


SECTION THRU SEAT

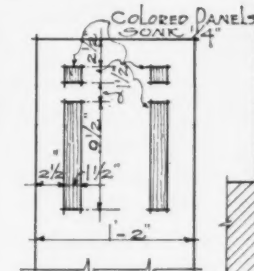


PLAN OF ALCOVE

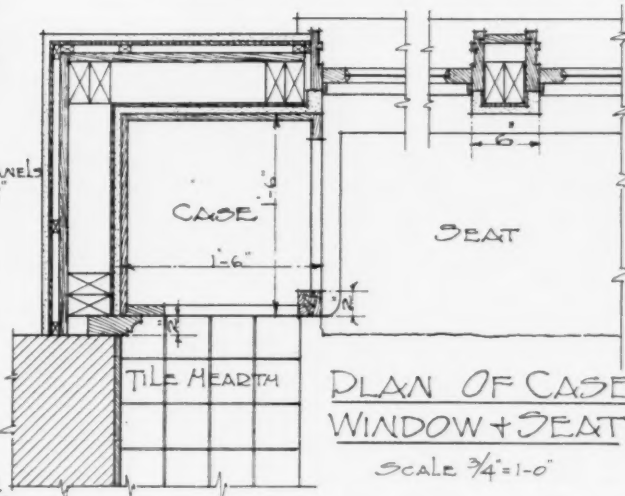
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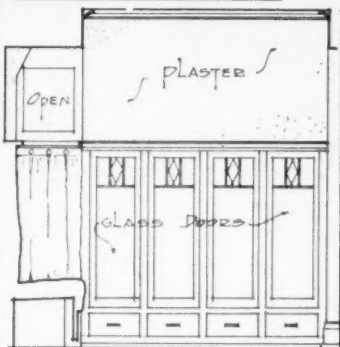


DETAIL OF CASE DOOR  
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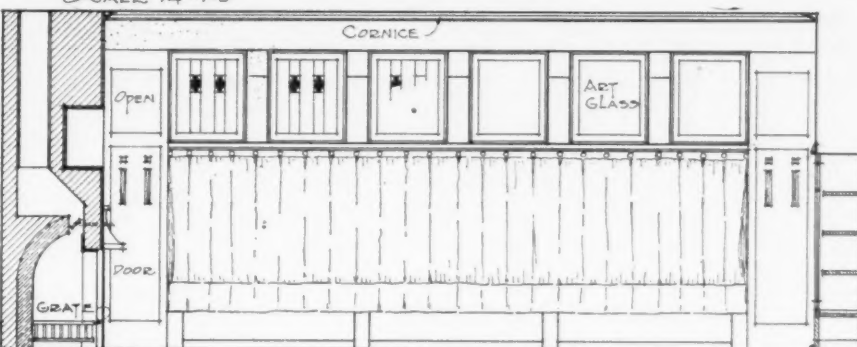


PLAN OF CASE, WINDOW + SEAT

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# A LIVING ROOM ALCOVE

Architect's Sketch Showing Details of Living Room Alcove, Including Comfortable Upholstered Seat with Art Glass Windows Above, Bookcases and Fireplace in Tile with Bronze Hood. Designed by Ralph W. Ermeling, Architect.



## Painting Equipment

HOW BUILDING CONTRACTORS ARE GETTING INTO THE PAINTING BUSINESS — EQUIPMENT NEEDED AND ITS CARE

By Ralph G. Waring

Specification Engineer

NOTE: This is the second of a series of articles by Mr. Waring. The third will appear in an early issue.

**T**HERE is an increasing tendency among contractors to do their own painting; some have even gone so far in this direction as to maintain their own painting gang. For the benefit of the contractor who is just entering this field, a few pertinent suggestions will probably be acceptable.

### The Contractor's Paint Gang

With competent labor so scarce at the present time, I believe the safest proposition will be to get hold of a good master painter, even if the contractor has to go to some neighboring city and take the time to watch his work. If he is really good, can handle men with reasonable success and knows the fundamentals of the painting business, it will be worth the contractor's time and expenses to pay the man his price and move him to his home town. Give him a gang of fairly young but green men and you will find that he can lick such material into shape faster, with less to unlearn, and in the end have less poor work than to give the same master painter a gang of mediocre painters with their preconceived notions and methods.

The contractor himself can better control and get results from the "green gang" under a good master painter than by any other method. Best of all, the "green gang" will have but to learn the way the contractor wants his work done and has little if anything to unlearn. Give the master painter the entire control of the gang and never go over his head to "bawl a man out" or to countermand his orders openly before the gang. I find that this is a point where many contractors lose out with their master painters. Give the master painter any orders to be given to the men, give him all the responsibility and make him assume it. You have given him the job, now make him live up to it.

### Ladders—How to Select and Care for Them

The next important proposition to consider is the equipment. In the name of all that is just and reasonable do not "cut costs" at this stage of the game.

Cheap equipment is not only expensive to maintain because of breakage, but is positively dangerous. A good ladder may save a man's life in a pinch, a poor or weak ladder may and probably will maim or kill some of your men or yourself. It is not the most cheerful thing in the world to work on a 20-foot swing 50 or 60 feet from the ground and have a suspicion that the swing has a cracked ladder.

*Safety First* in the name of all that is human.

Buy the best ladders the market affords, inspect them carefully for cross grain and knots and if either are in evidence, condemn the ladder. Choose the equipment with the most simple and positive sliding hook on your extension ladders. Avoid any complicated hooks. Too often they fail to work and when they do fail, may mean a crushed hand or foot.

The best method of preventing the feet of ladders from slipping while being erected or after erection consists of bolting pieces of soft steel to the feet of the ladders so as to act as spikes. These may be made from an old one and a half-inch tire steel by any blacksmith. They should be drawn out to a strong but slender point 6 inches in length. Two holes for bolts should be left in the end fastened to the front of the ladder. The length of the steel overall should be 18 inches. With spikes on all ladders, the men will have greater confidence in their "staying put" and will find that a long heavy ladder may be erected with ease when one spike is jabbed into the sod.

When you get good ladders, give them a coat of raw linseed oil with a little japan drier. When this has hardened, give them two coats of lead and oil with 25 per cent zinc, tinted to a medium gray with drop or ivory black in oil. Stencil your name in ivory or dark green on the side of the ladders and the job is done with a good advertisement to prove the class of work you believe in.

### Rope for Swinging Scaffolds

When you buy your slings for your swing scaffold, get the best manilla rope you can buy. For most



all-around swing work, it will require about 200 feet of  $\frac{3}{4}$  or  $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch rope on each end of the swing. Before using this rope it should be taken from the bale and soaked in boiling raw linseed containing a small amount of drier and a little white pine tar which can be had in any drug store. Be careful not to turn the oil or rope while soaking and let the hemp absorb all the oil possible. This treatment is necessary to prevent dry rot and will insure the rope lasting twice its ordinary life.

Buy good equipment; prepare it carefully and see that it is taken care of. In buying the pulley blocks, do not get a block with a patent rope catch. Such things chew a rope to pieces very quickly and are not to be relied on. In raising or lowering the swing a half hitch may be easily thrown beneath the tackle and be perfectly safe with freedom from chafing. In order to hold the swing away from the face of the building, take two pieces of 2 by 2-inch which have wooden wheels in one end to run against the siding and lash them beneath the swing made from a 20-foot ladder section and covered with a plank.

This last item is one where some bad mistakes are most frequently made in purchasing equipment. Do *not* buy hemlock planks for swings or spanners. Hemlock is too cross grained and knotty to play safe.

Buy 2 by 2-inch basswood in 8, 10, 12 and 16-foot lengths, dressed and then painted as for the ladder. Basswood is light to handle, will stand much overloading and has no knots. I have seen some bad falls from hemlock planks and have come to condemn such material as responsible for a large number of accidents occurring to painters.

#### Brushes are Very Important

Good work is impossible with poor or cheap brushes. Buy high grade Whiting or Adams brushes and expect to pay a good stiff price; but remember this—a fair man with perfect brushes can do more and better work than a master painter with cheap and poorly filled brushes. A good brush, well taken care of, improves with use and age; for on many classes of work a new brush is worthless.

Make one man responsible for the brush record and the daily care of the brushes on the job. Bore a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch hole thru each brush handle, and when the work for the day is done have each brush washed in gasoline until perfectly clean and then run on a wire so as to suspend the brush in turps over night. Be very sure that the bristles clear the bottom of the brush can by an inch or more, else the bristles will become distorted and will not brush out the paint

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Pure Colonial as It Has Been Built in New England for Ten Generations. The Present Widespread Popularity of the Colonial Style Gives Careful Painting Added Importance.



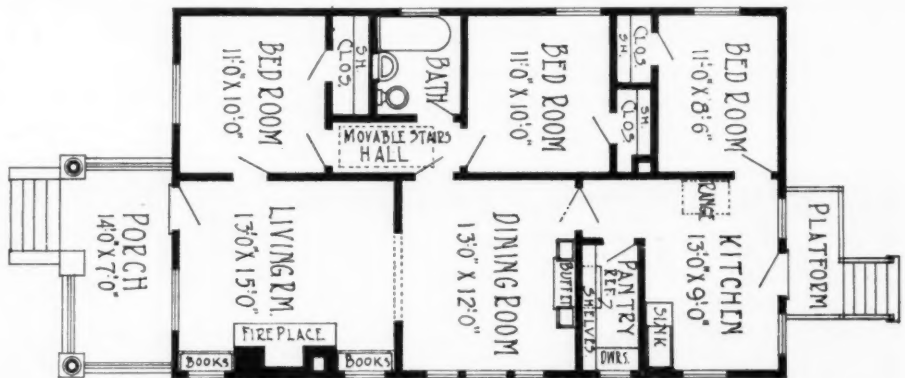
# Model Home Designs

## Interesting Cement Plaster Bungalow

This bungalow has its exterior walls finished with cement plaster on the first floor with shingles under the gables. Its design calls for the use of simple, sensible construction in every part, resulting in the production of a house which is neat and trim in appearance.

The room arrangement is based upon a division of the house into two parts, one of which contains the sleeping rooms and bath and the other being divided into kitchen, pantry, dining room and living room. The living room and dining room are well proportioned and well lighted rooms. A fireplace with book cases on either side is a pleas-

ant feature of the living room. A buffet is placed in the dining room against the wall opposite the living room. The kitchen and pantry are conveniently arranged with respect to the dining room. The attic is reached by means of a movable stair in the hall, which swings up into a ceiling panel when not in use.



Floor Plan of the Cement Plaster Bungalow.



The Trim Appearance of This Little House, Which is Due to the Use of Simple Construction and Harmonizing Materials, is Interesting. The House is 25 Feet 6 Inches by 42 Feet 6 Inches in Size.





The Beautiful Residence of S. W. Huddleston, Auditor for the Alamo Lumber Company, at Cuero, Texas. This House is a Good Example of a Well Balanced One-Story Gable Roof Residence.

### Attractive Texas Residence

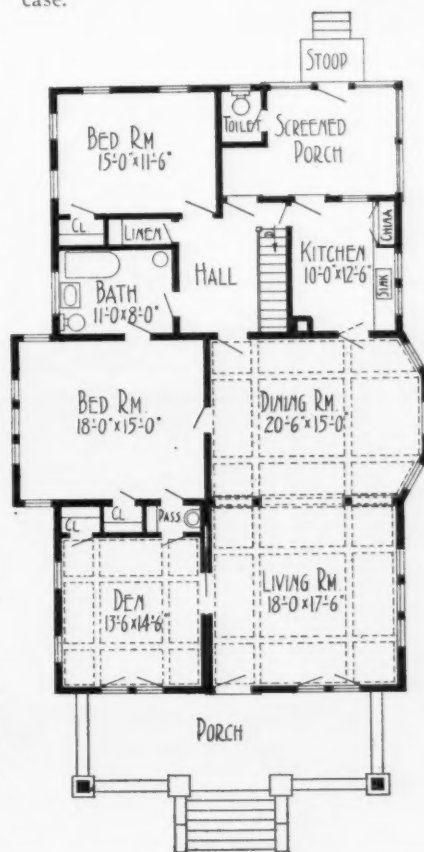
The beautiful residence shown above was built at Cuero, Texas, by S. W. Huddleston, auditor for the Alamo Lumber Company. It is an example of a very attractive type of one-story house and its plan may be studied as one which embodies many interesting details making for comfort and convenience.

The exterior of the house is finished with beveled siding, painted pure white thruout. Basement walls and porch walls and piers are built of face brick laid up in white mortar. Contrasting with the white of the walls and the mortar joints are the dark screen frames and the roof. The resulting appearance is very pleasing. The gable type roof has been very effectively employed with ornamental brackets and exposed rafter ends. The design of window sash and doors has given the house a further decorative effect which is noticeably attractive.

The porch is handled in a simple but artistic manner. Two tapered square columns support the porch roof. Square balusters are used in the rail. The cambered effect carried out in the beams is sufficient to prevent the appearance of squatness. A double set of French doors in addition to the central door break up the wall surface at the front of the house and assist in making the forward rooms light and pleasant.

Referring to the plan, it will be noticed that six rooms, a bath and screened porch have been provided. The first forward division, defines the living room and the den. The central division, providing the larger of the two bedrooms and the dining room is closely connected with the first division. The living room and dining room may almost be considered as one

large room, the separation being effected with a colonnade only. A passage, which is in reality a lavatory, connects the den and the bedroom mentioned. This arrangement is, indeed, a commendable feature of the plan. The den, living room and dining room conform to a harmonious plan as regards interior trim. The ceilings in each of these rooms are finished with false beams arranged in a similar manner in each case.



Plan of the Above House, Which is 34 by 58 Feet in Size, Exclusive of the Front Porch.

The rear division consists of the bath, bedroom, screened porch and kitchen arranged around a central hall. The location given the bath places it between the two bedrooms, and a door is placed in the wall adjoining one of the bedrooms, the other bedroom connecting with the bath by means of the hall. A linen closet is provided in the hall, handy to both of the bedrooms. The screened porch is open on two sides, but it is so designed that it is in reality a room rather than a porch. The porch connects with the hall and the kitchen and may be used for a variety of purposes, including the addition of space to the kitchen, open air sleeping quarters and out-of-doors living room. A small toilet is built into one corner of the porch. The kitchen is of such a size that few steps are wasted in the preparation and serving of meals. At the same time, this room is very easily ventilated and is far from being "close" or "stuffy." There are two windows in the outside wall above the sink and a window in the wall between the kitchen and the screened porch lets in additional air and light. A china case is built into the corner of the room at the end of the sink.

In general, the arrangement suggests several good ideas relative to the application of basic principles in one-story house planning. In the first place, divisions must be made which will group rooms to realize a maximum of useful floor space. Balanced against this is the necessity of making certain of the rooms independent of one another. A hall is almost an absolute necessity in such a house. The rear division in the house illustrated contains all of the rooms grouped together which should be independent of one another, and this feature is accomplished with practically no space wasted.



# CORRESPONDENCE



## Questions Answered and Ideas Exchanged.

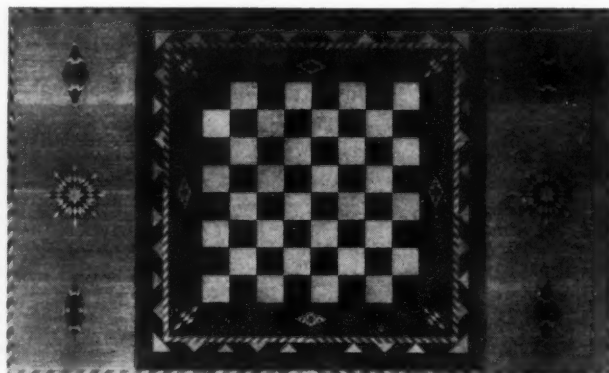
Our Readers are Requested and Urged to Make Free Use of These Columns for the Discussion of all Questions of Interest to Carpenters and Builders

### Who Can Make a Better Inlaid Table?

To the Editor:

Seymour, Ind.

I am sending you, under separate cover, photos of a table I made. I make several different kinds of styles; have one



The Inlaid Checker Board in the Top of The Table Built by John Hagel, of Seymour, Ind.

with 7,867 pieces and made of twelve different kinds of wood. I do this work in the winter when work is slack.

JOHN HAGEL.

### Does It Pay to Read the Trade Paper?

To the Editor:

Naugatuck, Conn.

I have always contended that it does, but you will still find some mechanics and even foremen who will laugh at a man who reads the trade paper.

I had an instance of this kind in my own experience a short time ago. I took a position in a shop, and in speaking of my trade paper to the foreman one day, he sneered at the idea. A few days later this foreman had a problem come to him which was too much for him, and so at the noon hour he had a bunch of his best men around him talking it over, and as I came up he asked me if I could solve the problem. I said, "Yes, but if you will look in the last issue of a certain trade paper you will find this very problem worked out for you." He still sneered at me, so that night I worked it out as shown in the issue of your paper referred to, and the next day showed him. But while he saw the proof, he did not want to

give the source the credit, nevertheless was glad to use the article this time.

While many of us may know these things, if we do not constantly use them we forget, and the trade paper keeps us awake. None of us is too wise or too old to learn.

Every man depending on his labor for a living owes it to himself and his family to read the trade paper in his line. It is a life insurance where both he and his family draw the benefits. He doesn't have to die to win, but he must be *alive to live*.

F. L. T.



### Moisture Collects on Ceiling

To the Editor:

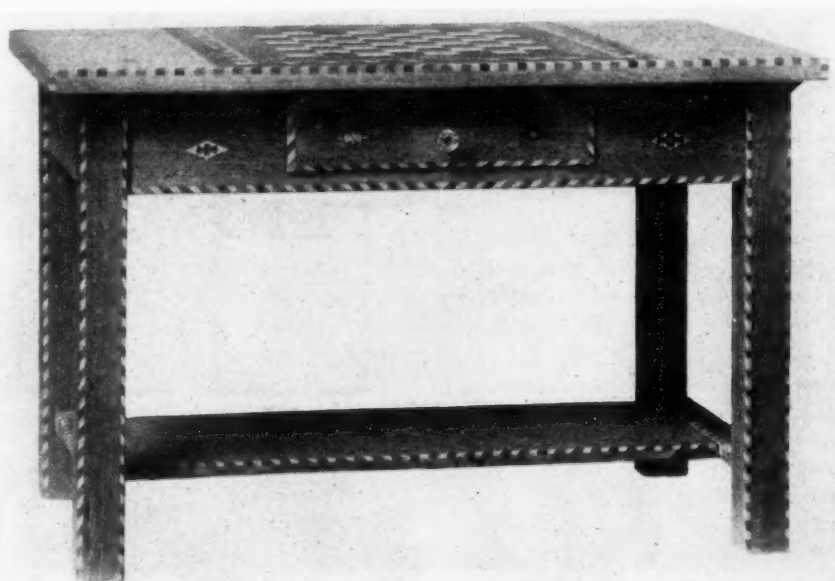
Rittman, Ohio.

Some four years ago I purchased your Cyclopaedia of Construction and I find it a grand work. I would be very thankful to you for your advice on how to remedy the following:

A few years ago I remodeled an old dwelling. The kitchen part is one story, 18 by 20 feet, with 9-foot ceiling. There is a slate roof on the house. The owner uses natural gas for fuel and light and in winter time the moisture in the kitchen condenses on the ceiling and is constantly dropping; the doors expand so much that they will not close at all. I have planed them off at different times, but this does not remedy it satisfactorily. Is there any way to ventilate thru ceiling and roof or any other way to remedy it? This moisture should be gotten rid of some way if possible.

W. W. BAUMAN.

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Inlaid Table Built by John Hagel, of Seymour, Ind. Size is 28 by 46 Inches. Made of Quarter-Sawed Oak and Inlaid with 2824 Pieces of Eight Different Kinds of Wood.

# Four Garage-Door Problems Solved by Stanley Garage Hardware



No. 1

## Problem Number One

The architect of this garage wanted doors that would open and close easily, lock securely and close weather-tight. His problem was solved by swinging the doors on Stanley Garage Hinges No. 1457, equipping them with Garage Bolts No. 1055 and No. 1056, and securing them against slamming with Stanley Door Holders No. 1774.



No. 2

## Problem Number Two

This concrete garage has doors that are extra heavy. Therefore they were hung on 36-inch Stanley Garage Hinges No. 1458, which will support the heaviest garage doors made, swinging them smoothly and without sagging.



No. 3

## Problem Number Three

The owner preferred curved-top doors, with windows so placed that strap hinges could not be applied. So the doors were hung with ball-bearing Stanley Garage Butts No. 252, three butts to a door. They are also equipped with Latches No. 1264 and Door Holders No. 1774.



No. 4

## Problem Number Four

When planning this garage, the owner wanted to be able to open all three doorways at once. And, since the garage might at times be crowded, the doors must take up no inside space. Accordingly, the doors were swung out on Stanley Garage Hinges No. 1457. Door Holders No. 1774 keep them from slamming.

*Stanley Garage Hardware meets every requirement of the most exacting garage builder. It is carried in stock by your hardware dealer. See Sweets or send for a Stanley Garage Hardware Catalog.*

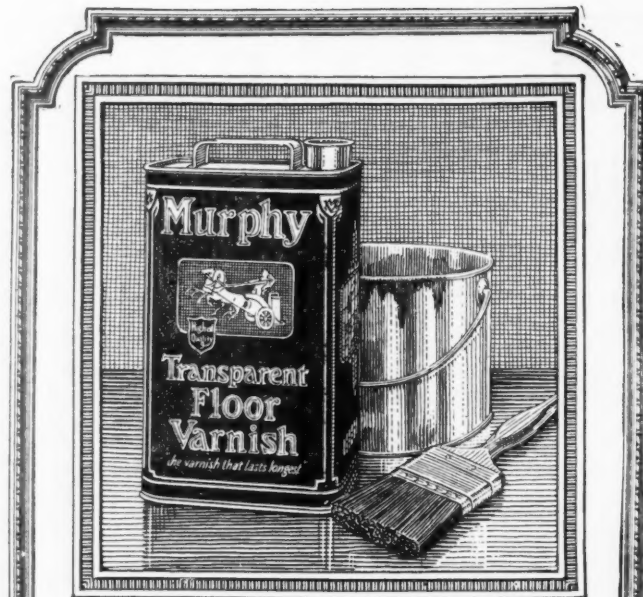
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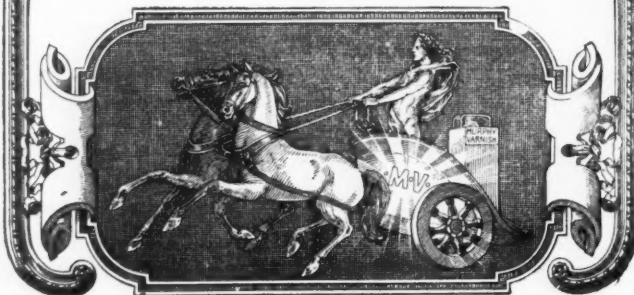
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*Answer*—In case the walls and floor of this kitchen are tight enough to prevent the entrance of moisture from the outside, it seems probable that the greatest part of the condensate which collects on the ceiling originates on the range or gas stove. As it is carried up from the stove in the form of vapor, it would probably be advisable to build a sheet metal hood over the stove which will collect this vapor and expel it thru a ventilating tube and ventilator.

The ventilator should be placed high enough above the roof so that a good draft will be obtained. If possible, the ventilating tube should be placed without bends.

EDITOR.



## Cooperation in Utah

To the Editor:

Fountain Green, Utah.

I am sending you pictures of two houses I have built for Thomas H. Cook and Lester Cook, of Fountain Green, Utah.



House of Light Buff Pressed Brick, Built at Fountain Green, Utah, for Thomas H. Cook, by J. E. Sorensen.

Photo No. 1 shows house of Thomas H. Cook, which is built of light buff pressed brick. It has a kitchen, living room, bedroom, pantry and bathroom on first floor, and three bedrooms and a children's playroom on second floor. There is a clothes closet for each bedroom. There is also a basement.

Photo No. 2 shows house of Lester Cook, which is built of red pressed brick. It has a kitchen, dining room, parlor and two bedrooms with clothes closets, bathroom, pantry and basement.

I have had shop work all winter, and am still busy. I have two houses to build as soon as spring opens up, and my friend and competitor also has two houses, and there are other



Another House Built by Mr. Sorensen. This One of Red Pressed Brick, for Lester Cook, at Fountain Green, Utah.

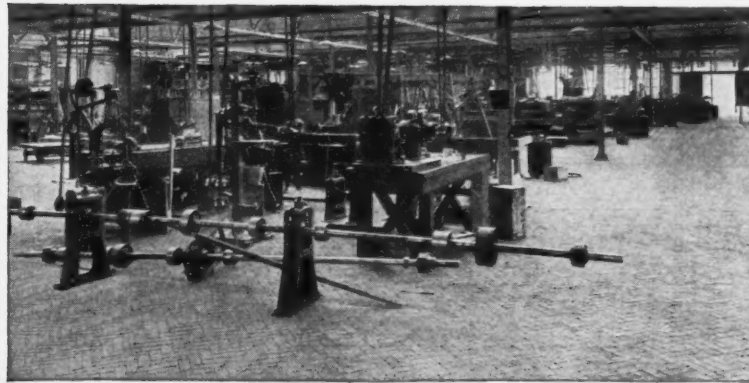
houses and garages in prospect. My competitor and I are trying to following the advice of the Man from the Lumber Yard, that is, "be brotherly." We feel there is room for both of us to live.

J. E. SORENSON,

Dealer in Lumber, Lath and Shingles.

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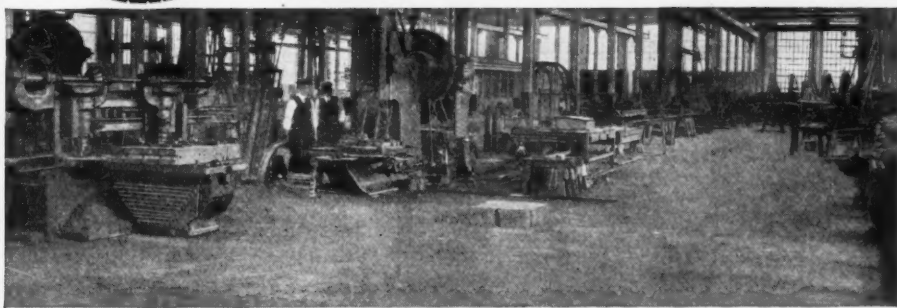
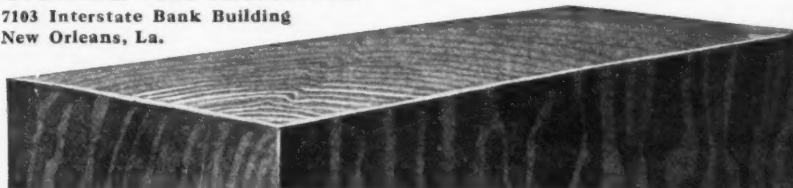
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Time Card Which is Used by the G. H. Brown Manufacturing and Lumber Company, of Lamar, Colo., to Keep a Segregation of Labor on Their Various House Building Contracts.

### A Handy Time Card

**To the Editor:**

Lamar, Colo.

Here is sample of time card which we are using with the idea of keeping a segregation of labor on our various house building contracts. On the back of this card is printed the

following symbols which the workman uses in filling in the column headed "Class of Work":

- |                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| A- 1 Excavating      | A- 4 Taking off forms       |
| A- 2 Forms           | A- 5 Pebble dash or plaster |
| A- 3 Mixing concrete | A- 6 Concrete steps         |

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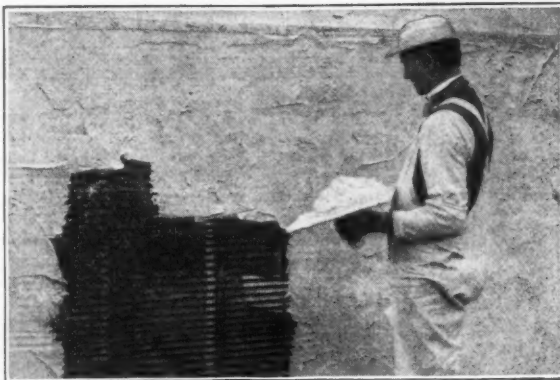
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| B- 2 Sub-floors                     | C- 4 Dressing floors—pine     |
| B- 3 Framing walls and partitions   | C- 5 Dressing floors—hardwood |
| B- 4 Second floor joists            | C- 6 Weights and sash cord    |
| B- 5 Boxing walls                   | D- 1 Setting jambs            |
| B- 6 Siding                         | D- 2 Casing jambs             |
| B- 7 Cornice                        | D- 3 Casing windows           |
| B- 8 Roof sheathing                 | D- 4 Base and shoe            |
| B- 9 Shingling                      | D- 5 Hanging screens          |
| B-10 Setting window and door frames | D- 7 Setting cabinets         |
| B-11 Porch—front                    | D- 8 Kitchen                  |
| B-12 Porch—rear                     | D- 9 Linen closet             |
| B-13 Framing and placing rafters    | D-10 Buffet                   |
| B-14 Steps—wooden                   | D-11 Seats                    |
| C- 1 Fitting windows                | D-13 Plate rail               |
| C- 2 Laying floor—pine              | D-14 Panels                   |
|                                     | E- 1 Hanging doors            |
|                                     | E- 2 Door and window locks    |

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### Good Line of Work

To the Editor:

Madelia, Minn.

With pleasure I enclose \$2.00 to have my subscription extended one year. Enclosed you will also find two photos

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**Repairing the Damage Done by Lightning. Work Being Done by P. C. Paulson, of Madella, Minn.**

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of some of our work. The first shows the start of a \$6,000 house. It will be stucco outside slap-dash finish with white cement. Roof will be asphalt shingles. I am on the scaffold at the corner.

The other photo shows us repairing a church steeple damaged by lightning.



Framing of a \$6000 White Stucco Residence in Progress by P. C. Paulson, of Madella, Minn.

I am surely greatly pleased with your paper and can't see how I would get along without it. We have a lot of work and are doing well.

P. C. PAULSON,  
Contractor and Builder.



### To Remove Nails From Casing

To the Editor: Lemoyne, Pa.  
In the April number of the AMERICAN BUILDER, Mr. Black-

ledge suggests extracting a nail from a piece of old casing by using a piece of scantling and holding it on the head of the nail. This method might be all right where there is a plain surface on the casing, or where there are not many nails to remove.

My experience teaches me that the best method of removing finish nails is with a pair of good pinchers; in place of driving the nail back, just take a firm grip of it and pull it clear thru the piece. In this way the face of the material is not marred in the least, and can be used again, and it can hardly be detected that it ever was torn off. A pair of 10-in. pinchers is large enough.

F. E. KENNEDY.



### Two Ancient Questions

To the Editor:

Yates City, Ill.

I would like answers to some questions not answered in your Practical Carpenter Department.

First: How would you go about it to make a practical "Pin Horse" for making pins for heavy framing of barns? Also what shape would you make the pins?

Second: How would you go about it to frame a rafter where there is more wood at one end than at the other?

W. R. B.

*Answer*—It is like turning the kaleidoscope of time back about a half century and taking a peep at what is in it when we ponder on these questions. We presume the first question has reference to the old-fashioned shaving horse to be found in most every farmer's back yard a long time ago. In those days, the farmer put in much of his time between fall and spring work in improving his place by smoothing clapboards which, as we remember, were thin boards split from blocks of oak about thirty inches in length by means of a long straight bladed instrument called a frow. By setting the block up on end and placing the frow back from its edge

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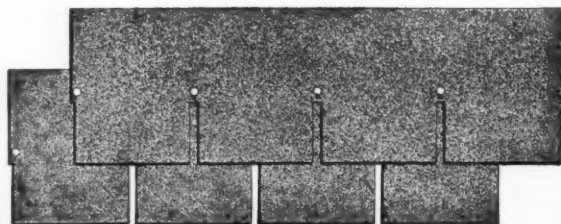
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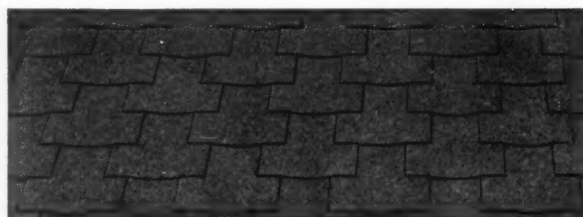
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the desired thickness of the board and then driving it down thru the block with a wooden maul, riving, as it was called, a board at a time. The writer has seen great ricks of these boards preparatory for dressing down with a draw-shave by the aid of the shaving horse, not only for shingles but for the old-fashioned pailings used for the yarden fence. Even lath were made in this way. Think of doing that kind of work now, boys. But this is not answering the question.

The shaving horse was usually made from a slab, or left over piece that would not work up into boards at the local saw mill. It was made from a piece about seven or eight feet long, supported on four round legs, driven into large auger holes bored at the proper angle to furnish the staying qualities of the horse to stay where put. At one end of this slab bench, another piece was set up at an angle and anchored to the former with wooden pins; and thru this piece and the bench a long narrow slot was cut to allow the clamp piece to pass thru, which was made from a piece of wood dressed to pass thru the slot and with a clumsy looking head

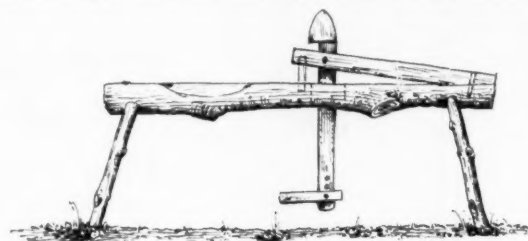


FIG. 1.

Old-Time Shaving Horse Used to Hold the Stick Which Elbow Grease and a "Drawer Knife" Shaped Into Tool Handles, Heavy Framing Pins and Suchlike.

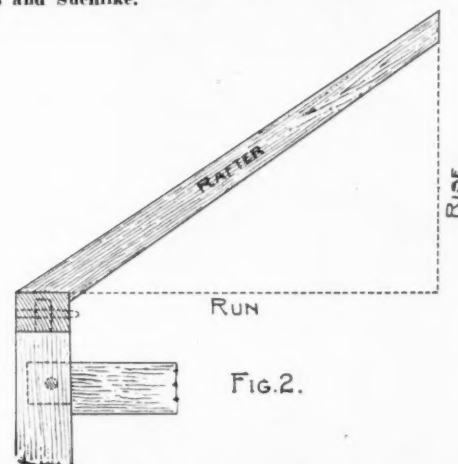


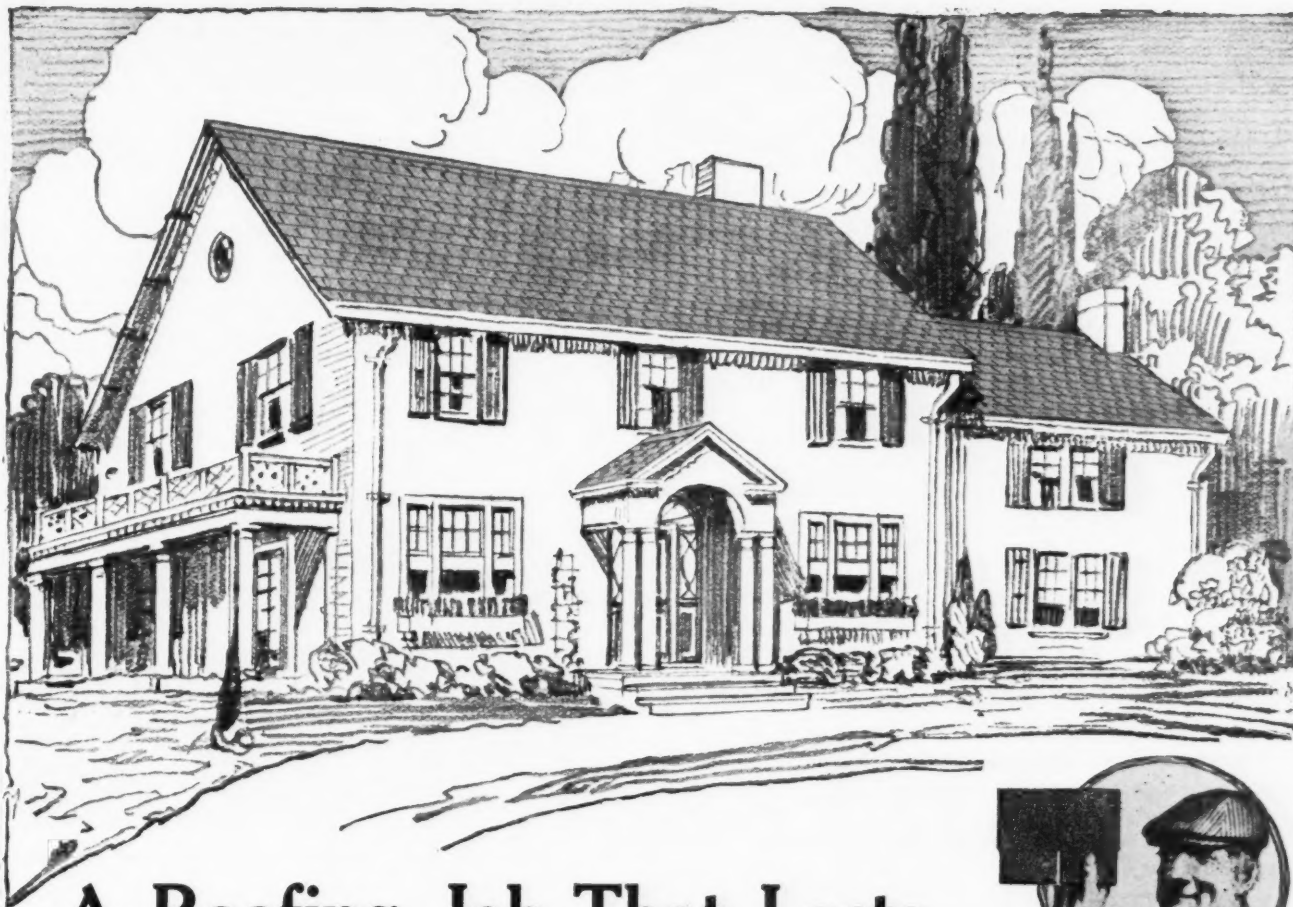
FIG. 2.

Heavy-Ended Rafter Which Was Considered Necessary in the Old Days Because It Was Thought That the Foot of the Rafter Carried More Weight Than the Upper End.

at the top and an adjustable foot board at the bottom. This completed this piece, which was made to swing on an iron pin passing thru the upper piece of the bench and the clamp piece. It contained several holes, so that the head could be adjusted to suit the work at hand; and the shaving horse was ready for use, save a little dressing down of the edges of the bench to avoid too much friction for comfort by the operator's legs coming in contact with same.

Here, Mr. Jack-of-all-trades sat astride the bench and, with one foot on the pedal, shaped ax handles, hoe handles, and all of the other handles required about the place by simply pressing on the hard pedal, which caused the head to clamp the piece that was being shaped with the draw-knife or drawer knife, as it was then called. Oh, yes! The pins for the heavy framing work had the finishing touches put on

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them by the aid of the shaving horse, and tho to be driven in a round hole, were purposely shaped octagonal.

The second question is also a relic of old times. Many of the old time builders contended that as the foot of the rafter had to carry more weight than the upper end, it should have more wood to do the toting; and so they cut the side of the rafters wedge shape but left the top edge the same thickness. A few years ago we were present at the tearing down of an old residence in the state of Missouri, to make room for a new building; and of all the people that gathered around to witness the removal of the old land mark, none seemed to know just how long it had been built; but the evidence spoke louder than words. Great hewn timbers revealed the skill in handling the broad-axe of long ago, cut from native trees the like of which had long since disappeared before the hand of man and the place where they grew turned to farm land. These timbers, protected from the elements, were still sound, and in fact seemed in a fair way to last forever. To us, it was a powerful lesson in destruction and progress that is far reaching—but we will not go further.

Coming back to the rafters of uneven width, this house had them. They were sawed out of the solid timber, but the markings were not that of the familiar markings of the circular saw, but were diagonal across and somewhat uneven.

An old gentleman present explained that it was done by means of the rip saw operated by two men by placing the log up on a high trestle and while one man worked from below the other stood up on top of the log and they worked the saw up and down in like manner to two men using the common cross-cut saw. This undoubtedly was a slow process but they got there just the same; but we have not said a word yet about the framing of the ended rafter and really there

is not much to say. The fact that it has a big end makes no difference in the framing of the rafter, for the working line is at the top edge as will be seen by referring to the illustration. In those days rafters did not have tails, but as far as the operation of framing them is concerned, it would not have been different from the modern rafter of today.

A. W. WOODS.



### A \$10,000 Residence

To the Editor:

Truro, N. S., Can.

I am sending you a photo of a \$10,000 house which is owned by Mr. J. F. Ryan of Truro, N. S., Canada, and of which I prepared the blueprints and specifications. GEO. J. MOSHER.

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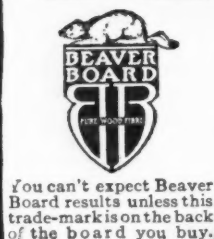


Residence of J. F. Ryan, Truro, N. S., Canada, Plans and Specifications of Which Were Prepared by George J. Mosher.

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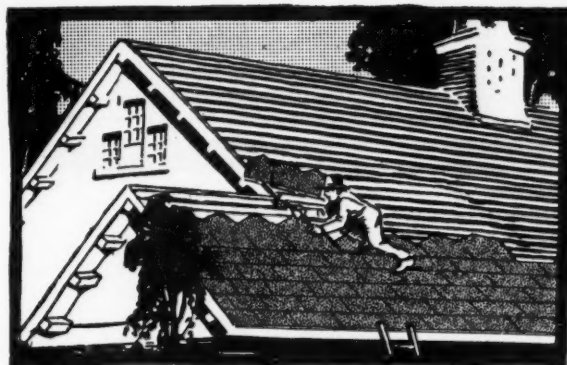
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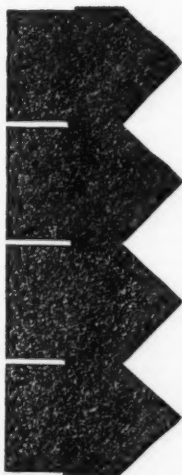
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# WHO WE ARE — AND

The sole object of the Society is to assist all Architects, Building Contractors and Lumber and Building Material Dealers in designing and erecting **PERMANENT, FIRE-RESISTIVE** buildings of the latest approved type and **AT LESS EXPENSE THAN TEMPORARY BURNABLE CONSTRUCTION** and through them assure to the owner long-lived dependable usefulness.

**PERMANENT, FIRE-RESISTIVE** construction costs no more than frame and we believe that our friends, the Architect, Contractor and Dealer, will welcome practical literature and personal help which show the more economic use of **PERMANENT, FIRE-RESISTIVE** building materials.

## AMERICA LOSES 500 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY THROUGH USELESS FIRES AND DEPRECIATION

This startling sum is absolutely wasted each year because we erect 89% of all of our buildings (the fire-restricted districts of the larger cities not included) of materials which burn and depreciate, to make no mention of the millions of dollars "invested" in fire fighting apparatus and salaries necessary for men to maintain it. This loss is a constant drain on every tax payer in the country and can never be eliminated until Architects, Contractors and Dealers take the matter seriously in hand and "quit building to burn"—we believe the time has come when you are not only ready but willing to join in this important task of helping America to avoid all useless loss, particularly at a time when it is so seriously needed.

## WE WANT YOU TO HELP SAVE THIS NEEDLESS LOSS—AMERICA NEEDS IT NOW MORE THAN EVER

The question of this National waste rests more upon **your** shoulders than upon any other group of men in America. The building public has always accepted your advice in the matter of building materials but **YOU** have always felt that **PERMANENT, FIRE-RESISTIVE** construction was "too expensive"—largely because you are not as familiar with the details of its use as you are with frame. This same "building public" will continue to build to burn regardless of the efforts of all Civic Organizations until **YOU** show them how to build of **PERMANENT, FIRE-RESISTIVE** materials. The Permanent Buildings Society can give you valuable assistance in this direction and all without cost or obligation of any sort. With the Country facing the most gigantic struggle in its history and needing most of its available structural lumber for military use, it is your patriotic duty to now use **PERMANENT, FIRE-RESISTIVE** materials which are not only better but will attack at its very base our enormous annual loss in fires and depreciation and eventually, "Make America Fireproof."

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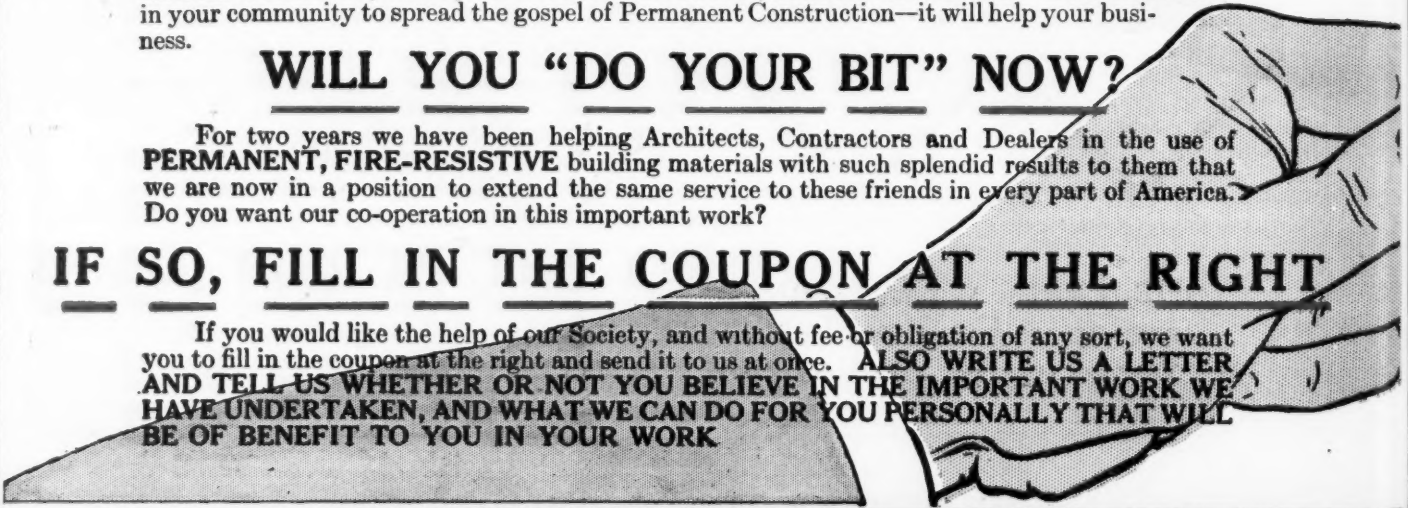
If you are planning new buildings of any kind and want **PERMANENT, FIRE-RESISTIVE** construction at reasonable cost, write us at once. We will show you how you can now use **PERMANENT** materials, where you have before used frame, and at favorable costs. Be the first man in your community to spread the gospel of Permanent Construction—it will help your business.

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For two years we have been helping Architects, Contractors and Dealers in the use of **PERMANENT, FIRE-RESISTIVE** building materials with such splendid results to them that we are now in a position to extend the same service to these friends in every part of America. Do you want our co-operation in this important work?

## IF SO, FILL IN THE COUPON AT THE RIGHT

If you would like the help of our Society, and without fee or obligation of any sort, we want you to fill in the coupon at the right and send it to us at once. **ALSO WRITE US A LETTER AND TELL US WHETHER OR NOT YOU BELIEVE IN THE IMPORTANT WORK WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN, AND WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU PERSONALLY THAT WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO YOU IN YOUR WORK**

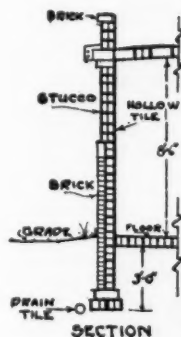
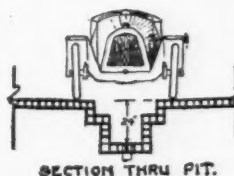
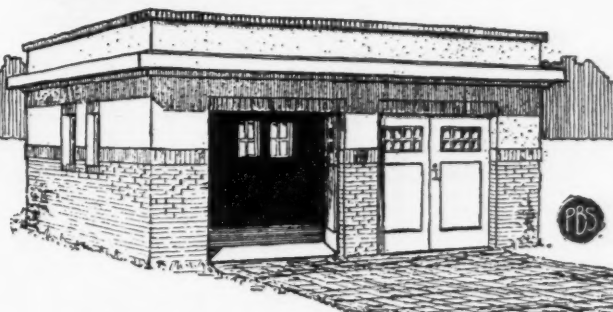
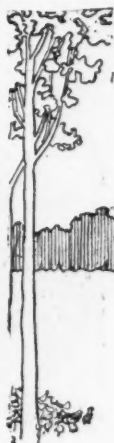
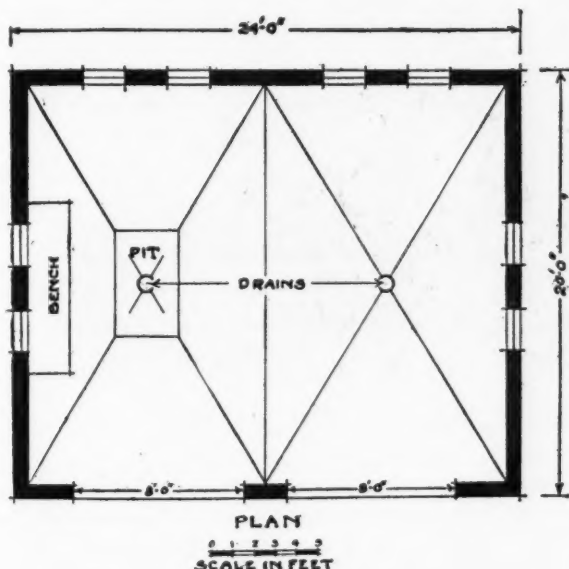




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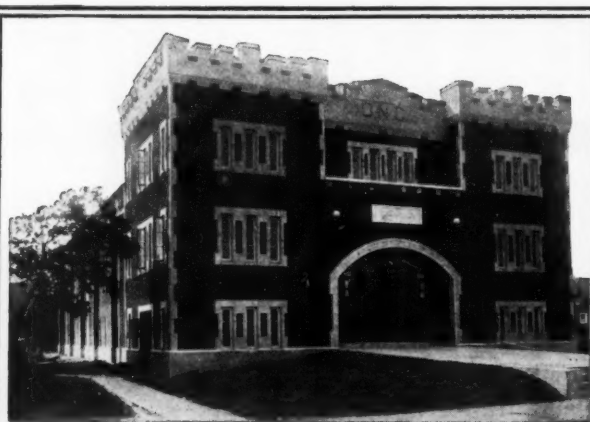
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## The Claycraft Brick Company

Hartman Building  
Columbus, Ohio



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### A Fireproof Residence of Stone, Tile and Concrete

To the Editor:

Indiana, Pa.

I am a charter member of the AMERICAN BUILDER and have always found it O. K.

I am enclosing herewith two photos of the residence of M.



Work in Progress on the Residence Designed and Built by Ralph C. Bennett, Indiana, Pa. Carpenter Work Done by Morris A Wolf.

Bennett & Sons, the well known general contractors of Indiana, Pa. This residence was designed and built by Ralph C. Bennett, one of the firm, and I did nearly all the carpenter work on it from start to completion. This house is almost fireproof. It is of yellow sandstone body and trimmed with brown sandstone backed up with hollow tile. All the floors are reinforced concrete with sleepers imbedded and finished



The Above Residence Completed. The Use of Stone, Tile and Concrete Makes It Practically Fireproof.

with a wooden floor. The roof is reinforced concrete and finished with green tile. The reception hall, parlor and dining room are finished on the interior with African mahogany, the living room in quarter-sawed oak, and bedrooms white enameled with inlaid mahogany doors.

MORRIS A. WOLF.



### Wants Millwrighting Articles

To the Editor:

Bend, Ore.

Would suggest that you publish a department on millwrighting, as that is all I can see that the BUILDER lacks.

BYRON MARKHAM.

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Bungalow Built for J. L. Paul, at Mountain Home, Ark., by B. S. Halbert. Plans were Prepared by Rudolph Brown, of Kingsville, Texas.

### Seven-Room Arkansas Bungalow

To the Editor: Mountain Home, Ark.

I am sending under separate cover the picture and floor plan of a seven-room bungalow that I have just completed for Mr. J. L. Paul of this place. This bungalow is situated on a beautiful three-acre plot of ground covered with Bermuda grass and a number of hard maple trees for shade. Mr. Rudolph Brown of Kingsville, Texas, prepared the plans for this dwelling.

B. S. HALBERT, Contractor & Builder.

### Repairing "Frost Bitten" Sidewalk

To the Editor: Columbiana, Ohio.

Late last fall I laid a cement walk. The freezing weather spoiled the troweled surface. The thickness of a knife blade



Plan of the Bungalow Built by B. S. Halbert

scaled off of the entire walk. Tell me how I can put a  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch top coat on this walk so as to satisfy the owner.

GLENN BERTOLETTE.

*Answer*—The disintegrated layer of concrete should be thoroly removed with a hammer and cold chisel, leaving the aggregate exposed. The surface should be thoroly washed with clean water from a hose at sufficient pressure to remove all loose material. Allow the water to soak into the concrete until no more will enter.

Set up forms for the top dressing. The mortar should be proportioned about 1:3 and should be mixed in such quantities

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### Build With Belden Brick

—On the basis that brick houses make for a higher standard of construction and therefore more good work and more profit to you.

—With the knowledge that once you are familiar with brick construction that you can make more money building brick houses than any other kind.

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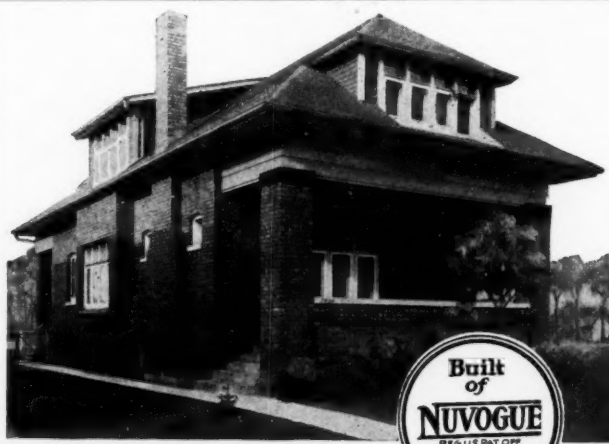
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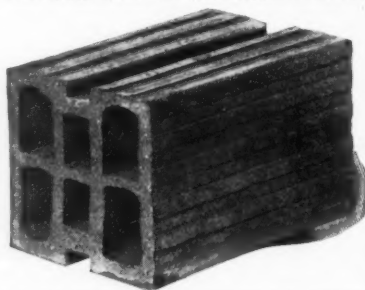
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**S-A-F-E, 356 Leader-News Bldg., Cleveland, O.**

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that it will all be used up within thirty minutes after time of mixing. Proceed as follows: Slush thoroly over the wet surface, a wash made from cement and water, fairly thin, enough surface being covered so that the 1:3 top dressing may be placed before the cement wash has had time to dry. If there are joints in the base, mark their location on the forms and finish with a joint in the top dressing directly above the joint in the slab. Carry the cement wash just in advance of the top dressing thruout the work. Do not trowel the surface excessively since this flushes a thin coat of cement to the top which invariably cracks upon setting. EDITOR.

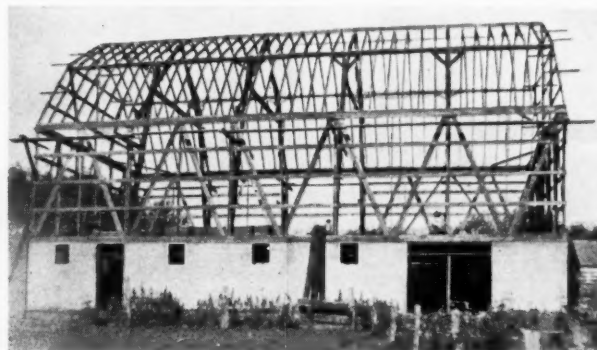


### A Good Starter

To the Editor:

Fairmont, Minn.

I am sending you herewith pictures of a barn built by



Construction View of Plank Frame Barn Built on Farm of Frank Lowe, Near Fairmont, Minn., by George Hengel.



The Finished Barn, Which is the First, But Probably Not the Last Plank Frame Barn in the Vicinity of Fairmont, Minn.

myself on the farm of Frank Lowe, near Fairmont. This is the first plank frame in this part of the country.

GEORGE HENGEL.



### The Fly is the Tie That Binds the Unhealthy to the Healthy

To the Editor:

New York City.

The fly has no equal as a germ "carrier"; as many as five hundred million germs have been found in and on the body of a single fly.

It is definitely known that the fly is the "carrier" of the germs of typhoid fever; it is widely believed that it is also the "carrier" of other diseases, including possibly infantile paralysis.

The very presence of a fly is a signal and notification that a housekeeper is uncleanly and inefficient.

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## Famous Users

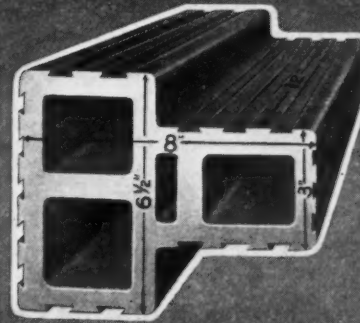
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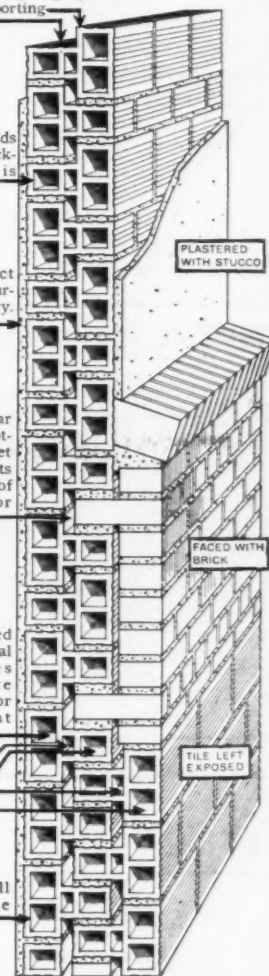
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Every mortar joint interrupted by air pocket which prevents conduction of heat, cold or moisture.

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### Saved \$500 per Month Handling Crushed Stone

An example of the earning power of a motor truck when worked to full capacity is furnished by the records of the Cleveland Macadam Company, which show that their 5-ton White dump truck, hauling crushed stone, earned \$500 per month during a period of four and one-half months when it was possible to keep it moving all the time. The truck was loaded by a chute and dumped by the power of the engine. The average tonnage capacity was greatly increased by cutting out idle minutes at the yard and at delivery points.



### No Disappointment Here

A New York lawyer tells of a man who had been convicted of stealing by a certain "Down East" Judge, well known for his tender heartedness. "Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment?" asked the Judge, not unkindly. "Never," exclaimed the prisoner, suddenly bursting into tears. "Well, well, don't cry, my man," said His Honor, consolingly, "you're going to be now."

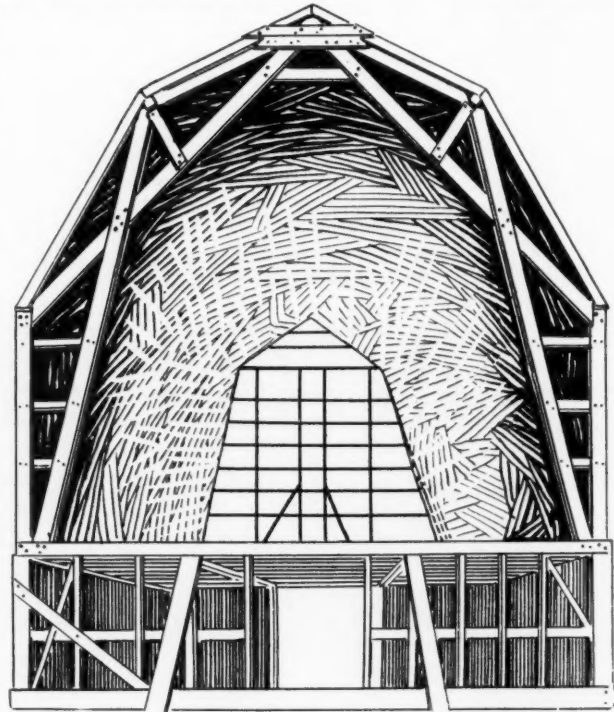
### Plank Frame Barn Question

To the Editor:

Ashby, Minn.

I wish you, or some of the readers, would give me information on how to put up the purlin and plank supports for barns, as shown in drawing enclosed.

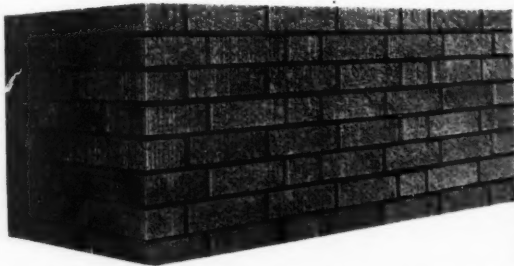
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Sectional View of Barn Showing Method of Framing Plank Supporting Members.

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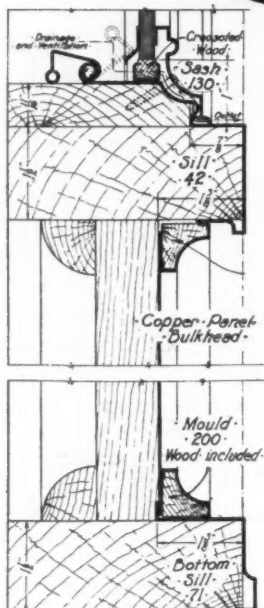


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### Curious Answers

The following is a set of answers taken from public school examination papers. They are declared to be genuine:

The chamois is valuable for its feathers, the whale for its kerosene oil.

Hardships suffered by the southerners after the Civil War: The wives of the aristocrats and of gentle birth patiently made their husbands' trousers out of their own.

The feminine gender of friar is toastress.

The feminine vender of bull is Mrs. Bull.

There were no Christians among the early Gauls. They were mostly lawyers.

Climate is caused by the emotion of the earth around the sun.

Four animals belonging to the cat family are the father cat, the mother cat, and the two little kittens.

Geometry teaches us how to bisect angels.

The purpose of the skeleton: Something to hitch meat to.

The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out, and the outsides have been taken off.

A blizzard is the inside of a hen.

A vacuum is a large empty space where the pope lives.

A circle is a round straight line with a hole in the middle.

When Cicero delivered his oration he was a prefix.

George Washington married Martha Custis and in due time became the father of his country.

Sixty gallons make one hedgehog.

The stomach is just south of the ribs.

The alimentary canal is located in the northern part of Indiana.

The rosetta stone was a missionary to Turkey.

The government of England is a limited mockery.

Georgia was founded by people who had been executed.

A mountain pass is a pass given by the railroad to its employees so that they can spend their vacation in the mountains.

A mountain range is a large cook stove.

The qualifications of a voter at a school meeting are that he must be the father of a child for eight weeks.

Achilles was dipped in the River Styx to make him immortal.

Gender shows whether a man is feminine, masculine or neuter.

Gravitation is that if there were none we should fly away.

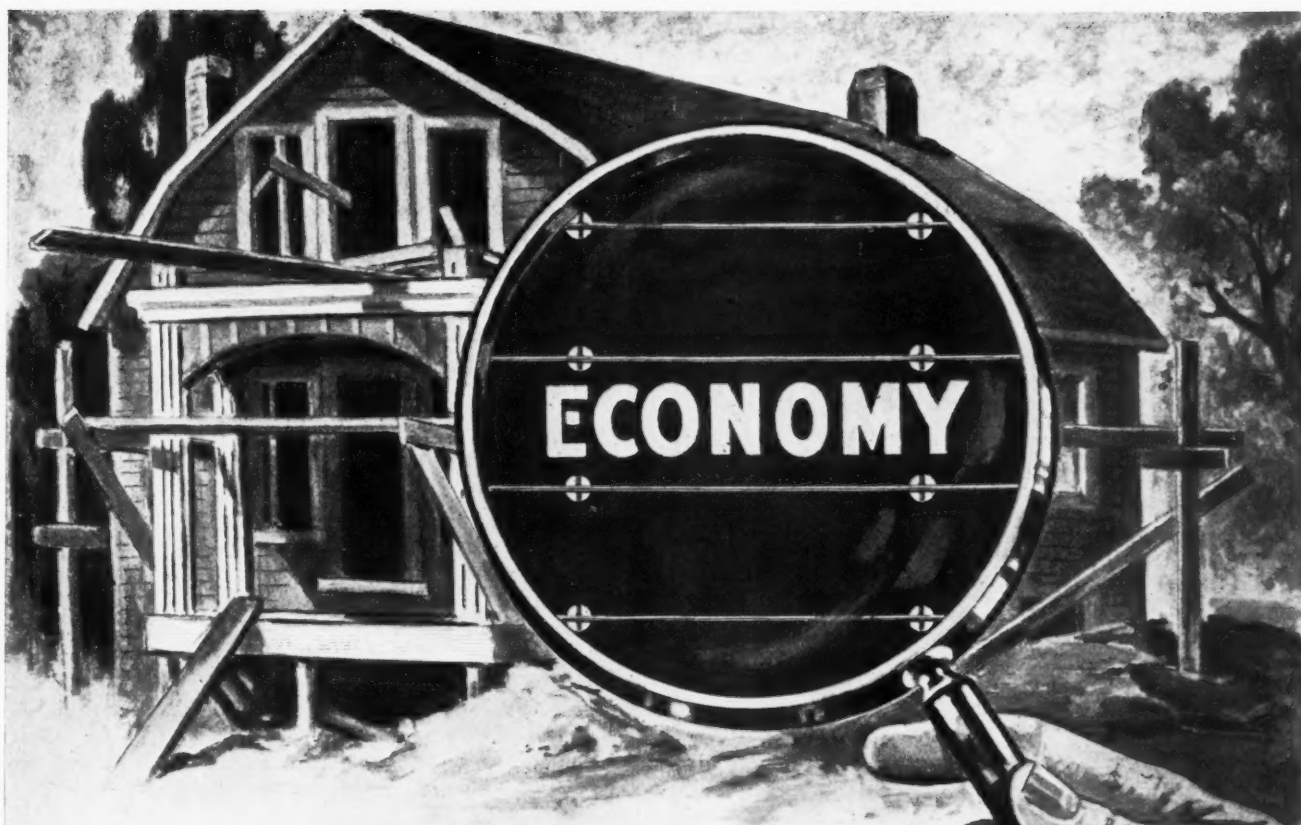
The function of the stomach is to hold up the petticoats.

### Oats Versus Gasoline Again

"If motor trucks and tractors were entrusted with the work now being done by horses, one great stroke in the desired conservation of food would be accomplished," said H. P. Branstetter of the Kissel Kar.

"Eighteen quarts of oats is the average daily consumption

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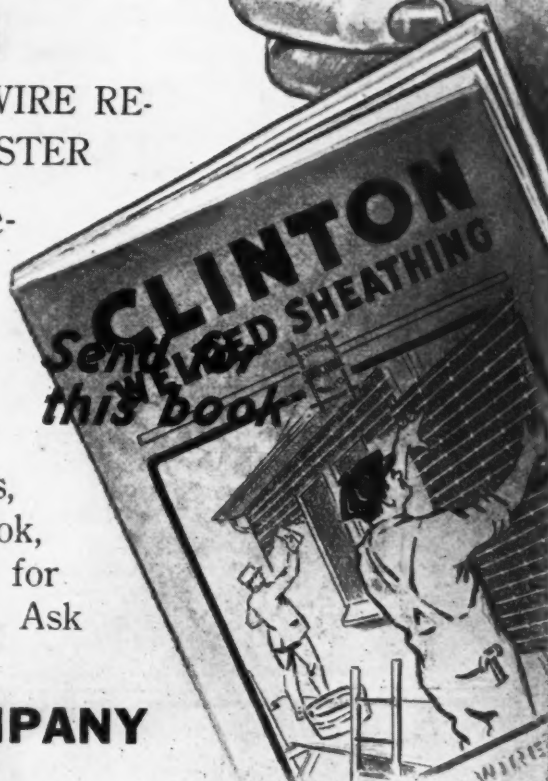
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of a work horse during the open season. At least seventeen million of the twenty-five million horses in this country come under that classification. During the winter six quarts a day is sufficient for each. This means one hundred and thirty-six bushels of oats per horse per year, or a total of two billion two hundred ninety-two million bushels. This, without taking into account the eight million horse population not included in the work horse class.

"There is no more nourishing food for human beings than oatmeal, so, if this country should unfortunately come to the necessity of regulated rations, what a boon it would be if a few million horses should be replaced by motor trucks."

(But between a shortage of oats and a shortage of gas, we say spare the gas.—Editor.)



### Gasoline From Shale

In view of the ever-increasing demand for gasoline and the increase in price of crude oil, from which it is obtained, it is important to know that an almost inexhaustible supply of oil may be obtained from the shale of northwestern Colorado, northeastern Utah, and southwestern Wyoming. This shale contains materials which, when heated, may be converted into crude oil, gas, and ammonia. The high cost of distilling oil from shale as compared to the cost of producing oil from wells has thus far prevented the development in this country of such an industry and may continue to prevent it for some time, but sooner or later this great source of supply will be utilized to supplement the decreasing production from the regular oil fields.

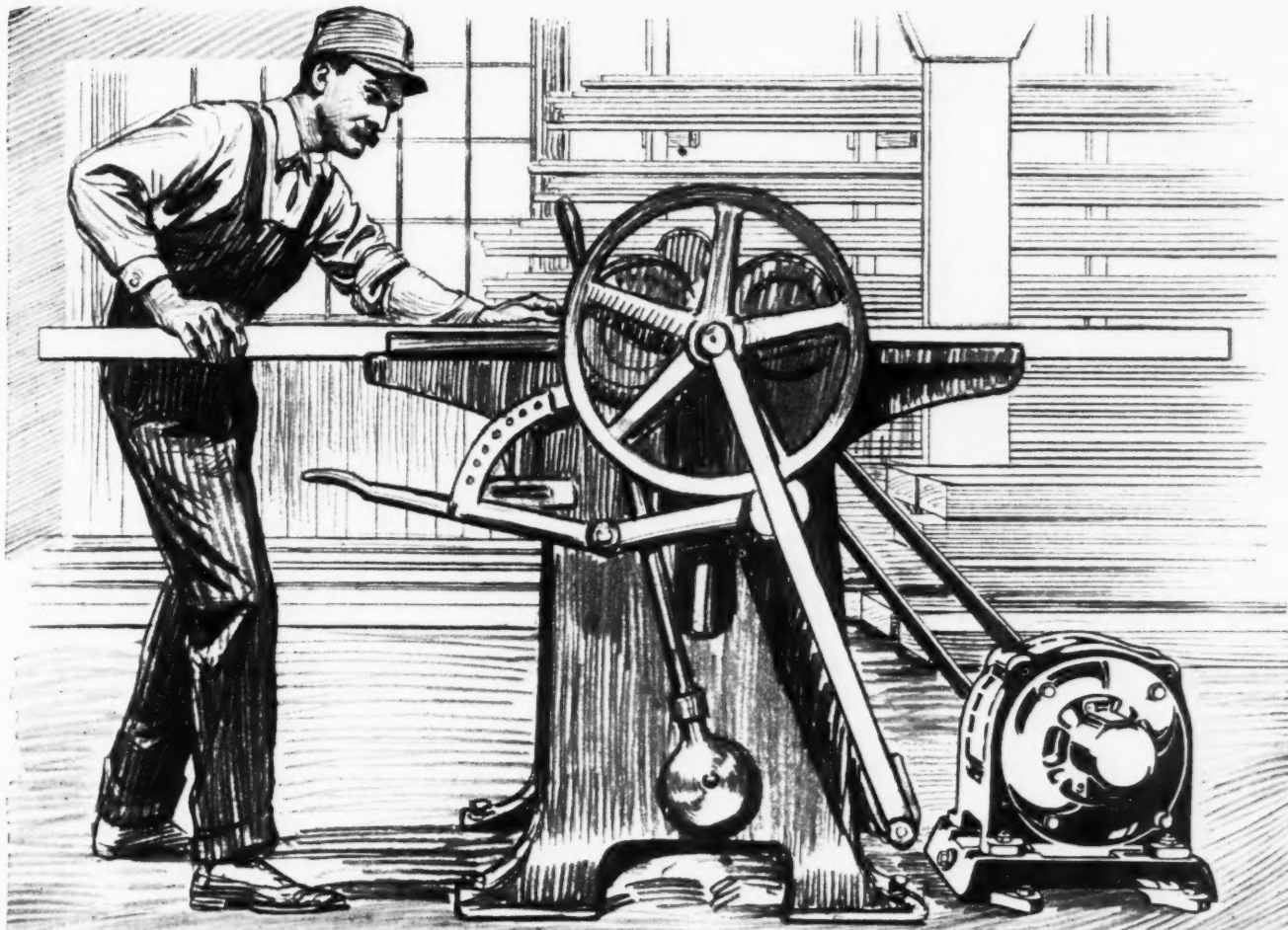
The oil derived from the shale is similar to that which is being produced from wells in the United States at the rate of more than 250,000,000 barrels a year. When refined by ordinary methods the shale oil yields an average of about 10 per cent gasoline, 35 per cent kerosene, and a large amount of paraffin. The yield of gasoline from the shale may probably be largely increased by the use of refining methods especially designed for that purpose. The gas, which is a very good illuminating gas, will perhaps be sufficient to furnish all the heat required to distill the crude oil from the shale.

The ammonia is a most valuable byproduct of the distillation and may be utilized in the manufacture of commercial fertilizer or other nitrogen compounds, as the market demands. The United States Geological Survey has examined large areas of the shale in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, and has made many distillation tests. Some beds of shale that are several feet thick will yield more than a barrel of oil to the ton of shale should therefore yield nearly 10 gallons of gasoline by the present commercial methods of gasoline extraction, and larger yields may be made possible by new methods.

Little attention has been paid to this shale because the quantity of petroleum produced from wells in the United States has been sufficient to satisfy all demands, but for more than 50 years the oil shale industry of Scotland has been a very important one. In a recent year more than 8,000 men were employed in the industry in that country, yet the average yield of oil per ton of shale was much less than that which appears possible from the shale of Colorado and Utah. It is estimated that in Colorado alone there is sufficient shale, in beds 3 feet or more thick and richer than the shale being mined in Scotland, to yield twenty billion barrels of crude oil, from which at least two billion barrels of gasoline may be extracted by ordinary refining processes.

As was stated in the recent reply of Secretary Lane to a Senate resolution on the subject of gasoline: "The development of this enormous reserve simply awaits the time when the price of gasoline or the demand for other distillation products warrants the utilization of this substitute source. This may happen in the future. At all events these shales are likely to be drawn upon long before the exhaustion of oil fields."





## Steady Power Makes the Smooth Job

In the old days, the carpenter with the powerful and steady stroke turned out the best job. Now that machines have displaced manual labor, electricity provides the power that turns out the best and quickest work.

G-E motor drive has a certainty, smoothness and sustained speed meaning immediate dollars saved—less wastage—greater safety to operatives—reduction of power loss through belts and shaft, and negligible fire risk. Construction work will progress quickly and the finished job will be done right. Ask your lighting company or the nearest G-E Motor Agency about G-E motors and control.

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In summer it is quickly and easily changed into an open cab by removing the winter attachments (windshield, side, door and rear windows.)

The ALL-YEAR Cab, exclusive with Kissel Trucks, insures to carpenters and builders increased results and high efficiency from their drivers.

In its open form without the winter attachments (\$50.00 extra) it is standard equipment on four new Kissel Trucks.

## Announcing the Five New Models of KISSEL TRUCKS

A Truck for Every Purpose

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The Visitor—What's that awful screaming?

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Indignant Customer—Barber, why did you drop that towel on my face?

Barber—Because it was hot, sir.—Boston Globe.



### A Changed Man

"Aren't you the same man I gave a mince pie to?" said the Kansas housewife, sharply.

"No, ma'am, I'm not, and wot's more, the doctor says I never will be," answered the weary one.



### Getting Older Every Day

"Aren't you the boy who was here a week ago looking for a position?"

"Yes, sir."

"I thought so. And didn't I tell you then that I wanted an older boy?"

"Yes, sir; that's why I'm here now."



### Usually

"There's one good thing about buying an encyclopedia on the installment plan."

"And what is that?"

"No matter how long it takes, you are pretty sure to have it paid for before you have read it thru."



### Meant Well, Anyhow

Mike Gilligan entered a police office and intimated that some abominable thief had stolen his watch. It was a valuable watch, but, more than that, it had been given to Michael by his father back in County Clare. He told a very stirring story about his loss. The officer at the desk was very much impressed.

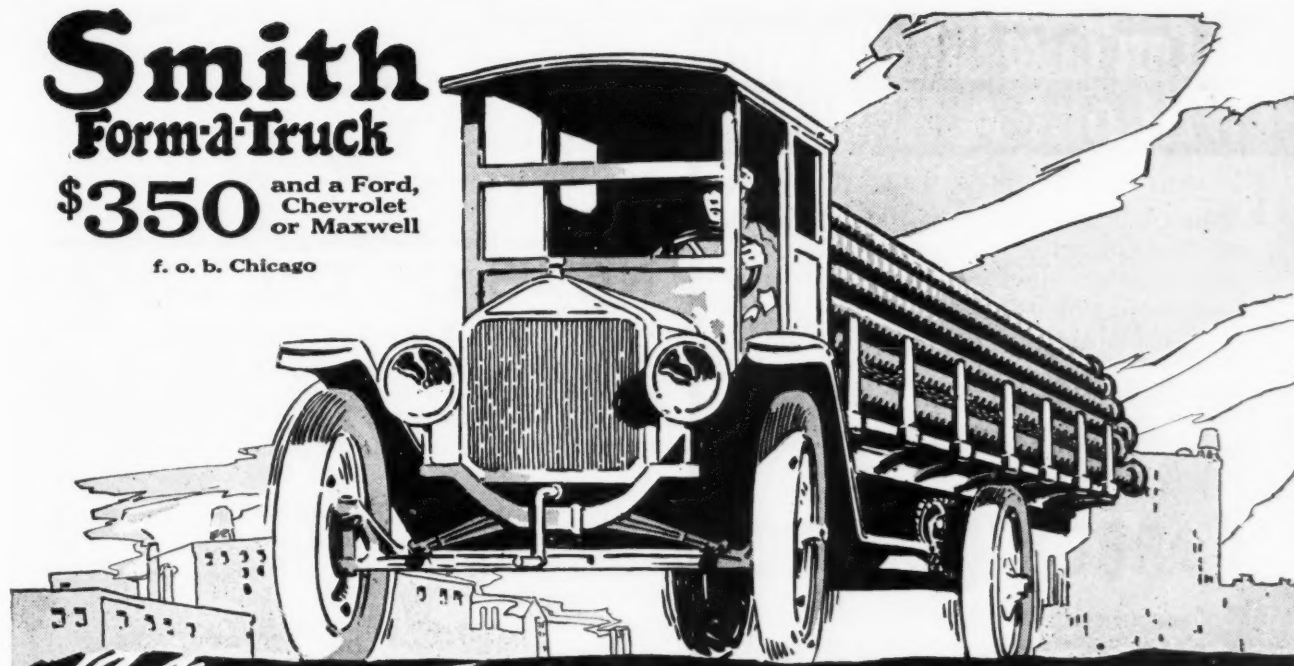
"We'll leave no stone unturned to find your watch, Mr. Gilligan," he said.

"Thank ye, sir," said Mike. "It was a fine watch." And Mr. Gilligan went home and then found his watch. It had slipped from beneath the pillow and in some way landed beneath the sheets. He hurried back to the police office to report the fact and save the police further trouble. On the way he came across a gang of laborers tearing up the road for sewer purposes. "Hi, boys," called Mike, "leave them stones alone, don't turn any more, I've found my watch."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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With Smith Form-a-Truck other building supply and lumber concerns are hauling the same loads formerly hauled by four teams—under the same conditions—over the same roads.

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Smith Form-a-Truck will haul loads as heavy as trucks costing several times its price. Over the same roads—just as far—and for at least two-thirds its cost.

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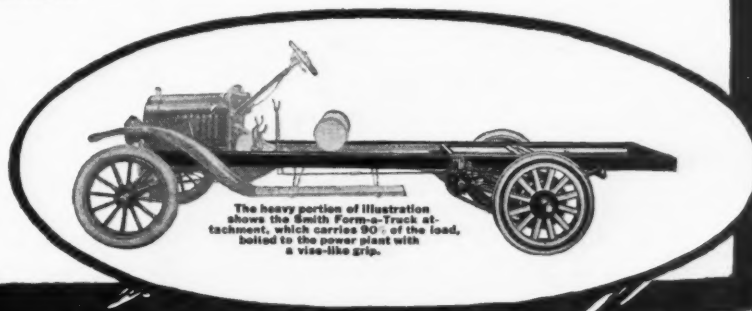
Figure your yearly horse drawn delivery cost. Then compare it with these amazing Smith Form-a-Truck figures:

Less than 8c per ton mile, exclusive of drivers' wages—6,000 to 8,000 miles per set of tires—12 to 18 miles per gallon of gasoline—continuous speed of 12 to 15 miles per hour—and repair expense so low it is trivial. Economies impossible with any other one ton truck.

This is the amazing delivery service you must secure to take the expense out of hauling. Smith Form-a-Truck low hauling cost has revolutionized delivery service.

### Get Experts' Figures

Write now. Our transportation engineers know your hauling problems. Let them tell you what a Smith Form-a-Truck will save you in actual cash.



The heavy portion of illustration shows the Smith Form-a-Truck attachment, which carries 90% of the load, bolted to the power plant with a vise-like grip.



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If you will use Johnson's Carbon Remover at regular intervals, giving carbon no chance to accumulate, you will automatically eliminate most valve trouble and your engine will always be at its highest efficiency.

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## NEWS OF THE FIELD

### Idaho Registers Architects

“An act to provide for the licensing of architects, and regulate the practice of architecture in the state of Idaho,” which is the title of a law recently passed, places Idaho twelfth in the list of states having enacted a registration law.



### Registration Law Proposed for Pennsylvania Architects

A bill was introduced on April 2, 1917, in the Pennsylvania legislature which, if passed, will place this state among those having a law for the regulation of the practice of architecture.



### New Officers of Sargent & Co.

At the annual meeting of Sargent & Co., New Haven, Conn., held on May 17th, Wilfred Lewis and Ziegler Sargent were elected as directors of the company, and the following members of the board of directors were re-elected: Henry S. Sargent, Edward R. Sargent, Joseph D. Sargent, C. Lewis Sargent, John Sargent, Bruce Fenn and George F. Wiepert.

The new officers of the company are as follows: President, Henry B. Sargent, vice-president, C. Lewis Sargent; secretary, Murray Sargent; treasurer, Ziegler Sargent.



### Progress in Metrics

There are striking signs these days of the advance the Metric system of weights and measures is making toward the goal of general international use. The most significant of these is an organized opposition in the United States, an effort by the antimetric forces to stem the tide of advancement.

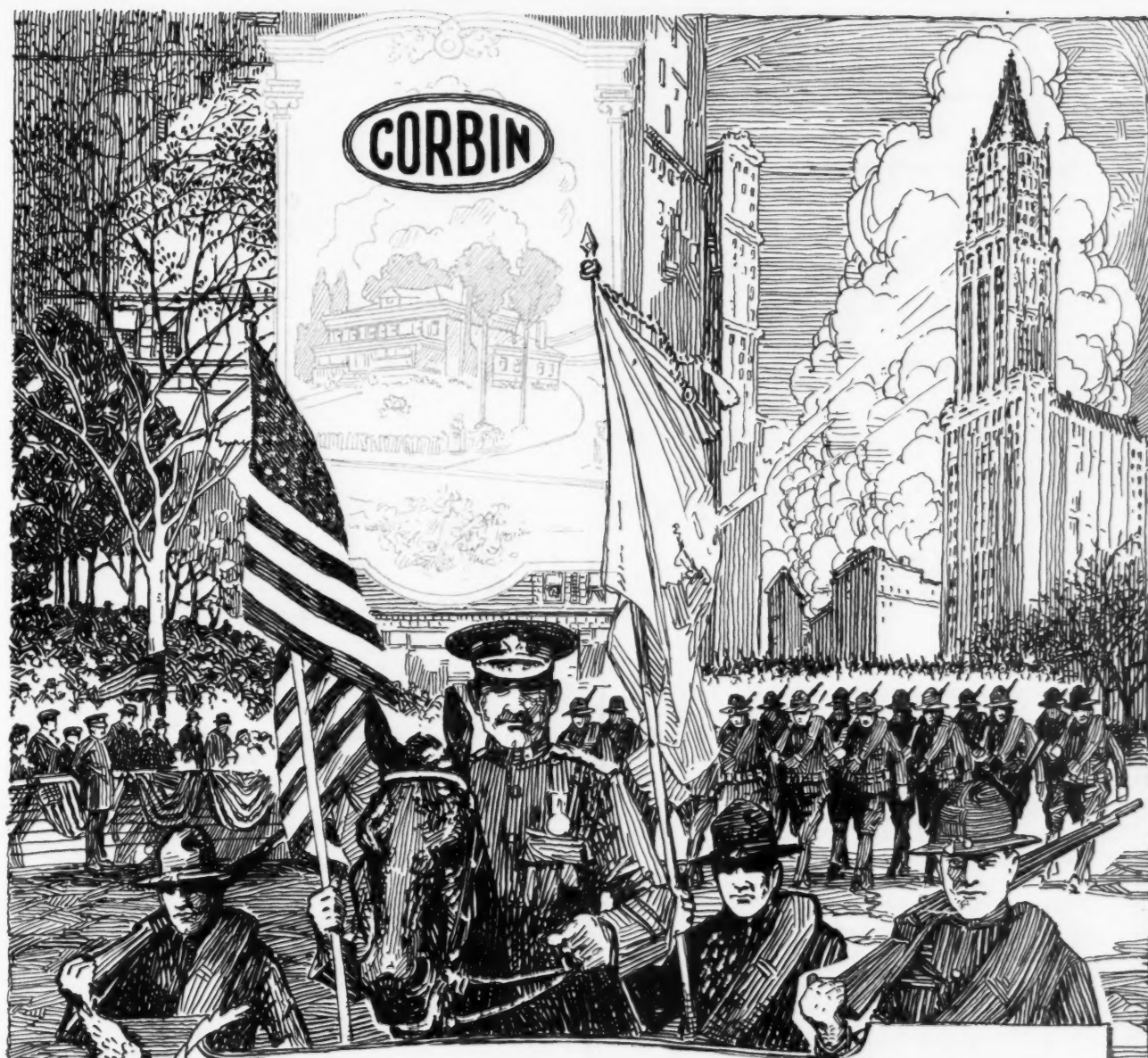
In the line of progress we have the announcement by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., that it has decided to adopt the Metric system as far as possible in all its work. The company is a member of the American Metric Association, of which Dr. George F. Kunz, president of the New York Academy of Science, is president.

Next we have the action of the Association of the Chambers of Commerce of Great Britain in adopting formal resolutions asking the British government to take up with the United States and with Russia (the three countries representing practically the only nations not now in the metric column), the question of a general adoption of the Metric system.

Also in line with this march forward we have the proposal of a bill to be introduced in the British parliament for the introduction of decimal currency in Great Britain. The executive council of the Chamber of Commerce considers that this should be a step preceding action on the Metric system.

The war itself is one of the most powerful factors making for this distinct advance. That the three large nations not now recognizing the Metric system as an international standard and making its use preferable (we believe that the adoption of the system should come without compulsion), are now closely allied in a war that is trying all their resources and bringing them into closer relations than ever before, is

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### WHEN THE THOUGHT TURNS BACK

to the loved ones left behind, there is comfort in the knowledge that they are safe from harm. The Home Guard can never be too faithful or too reliable—and the trustiest guardian of the home ever devised is the Corbin Ball-Bearing Cylinder, attached to a high-grade Corbin residence lock. Ask your hardware dealer for information—or write to

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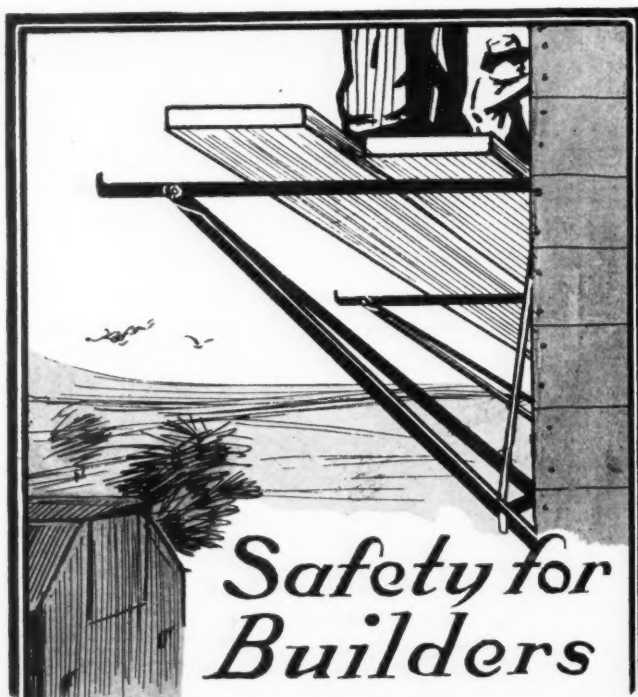
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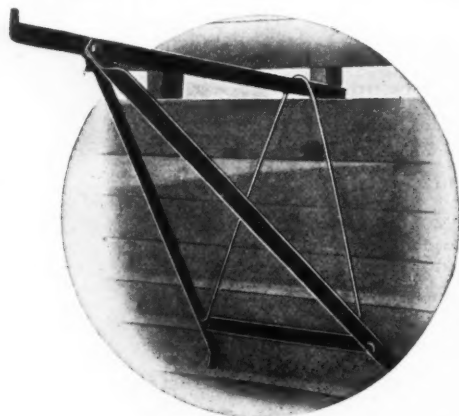
## Safety for Builders

The two points that sell "Trouble Savers" to carpenters and builders quickest is their safety and the quickness with which they are set up. The men can work freely, having full confidence in the reliability of the scaffolding. They're perfectly rigid—no wobbling or side motion. They will support almost any weight.

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We will ship to you or through your dealer—as you prefer.



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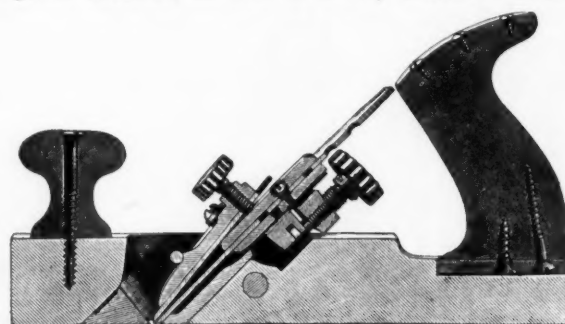
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likely to have a marked effect in the adoption of means and methods that will make intercourse between them both during and after the war easier. And one of the first of these means is the adoption of some one readily understood and generally applicable system of trading. The adoption of the Metric system and decimal currency would be a long stride in this direction.



### Old Mr. Gage Lets Go

On April 17, 1917, John P. Gage, who was for many years proprietor of the Gage Tool Co., Vineland, N. J., sold out his interests to Philip J. Leavens, of Jersey-vise fame. Mr. Leavens has been in the tool business for the past thirty years and is particularly well known as a most capable and congenial salesman, as well as a very successful inventor,



designer and manufacturer of new tools. His friends and the men who really knew him, nick-named him "Honest Phil Leavens," and he has a very large acquaintance under that title. Mr. Leavens' reputation and knowledge of the tool business are a guarantee that the quality of the Gage planes will be maintained and improved. The title of the Gage Tool Co. has been changed to the Gage Tool Co., Inc., and Mr. Gage is no longer connected with the company in any capacity.

The Gage Tool Co., Inc., will continue to make all styles of Gage self-setting planes. A new price list was made May 14, 1917, superseding all previous lists, for both planes and repairs.



### New Service Stations

The "New Way" Motor Company, of Lansing, Mich., have added to the list of service stations the following: Hubbard & Floyd, New York City; T. T. Buchfield, Philadelphia, Pa.; French & Allan, Chicago, Ill. Hundreds of "New Way" engines scattered in principal cities of the United States make it necessary for the "New Way" Motor Company to develop a service policy to such an extent that all "New Way" owners will be properly taken care of, and fully satisfied. The service station people will be pleased to see any owners and operators, and assist them in every way possible.



### Course in Concrete at Columbia Summer School

Arrangements have been made whereby the School of Practical Arts, Teachers' College, of Columbia University, in co-operation with the Extension Division of the Portland Cement Association, will offer a course in concrete for industrial arts and vocational teachers during the summer session, July 9 to July 28.

The work will consist of a thoro and interesting treatment of the practical as well as the theoretical phases of the subject. The office of the secretary, Columbia University, New York, has literature describing this as well as the other courses offered in the summer school, which may be taken in connection with the concrete course.



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### Johns-Manville Moves to Larger Quarters in Pittsburgh

The splendid increase in business and the need for greater floor space and facilities for displaying Johns-Manville products, necessitated a change in location of the H. W. Johns-Manville Company at Pittsburgh, on May 20th.

On this date, new and larger Johns-Manville showrooms and sales offices were opened on the ground floor of the Westinghouse Building, corner of Ninth St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

These new quarters provide ample space to accommodate the increasing business, and are located in the heart of Pittsburgh's business district, within a few minutes' walk from the Union Station.



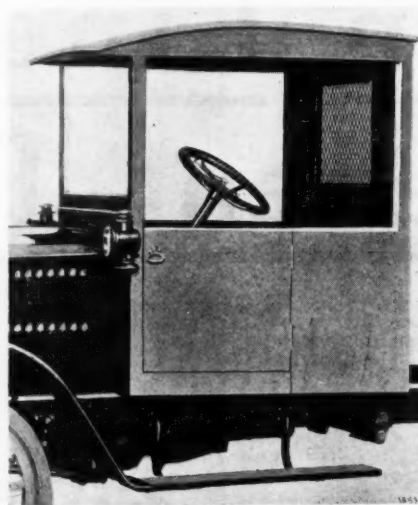
### Universal Cement Company Officers Re-elected

B. F. Affleck was re-elected president, and T. J. Hyman, secretary and treasurer, both of Chicago, at the annual meeting of the Universal Portland Cement Co., held at Gary, Ind., June 13, 1917.

The company is a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation and has offices in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Minneapolis and Duluth; and plants at Buffington, Ind., Universal, Pa., and Steelton, Minn.

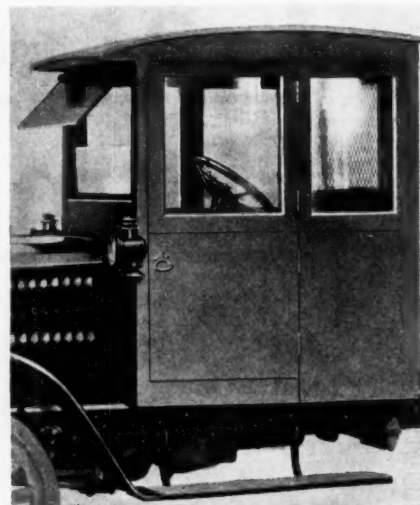
### All-Year Cab for Trucks

An innovation that is destined to have a marked effect on the efficiency and comfort of motor truck drivers and one that will give increased results to truck owners is that of the All Year Cab, which the Kissel Motor Car Company,



ALL-YEAR CAB IN SUMMER.

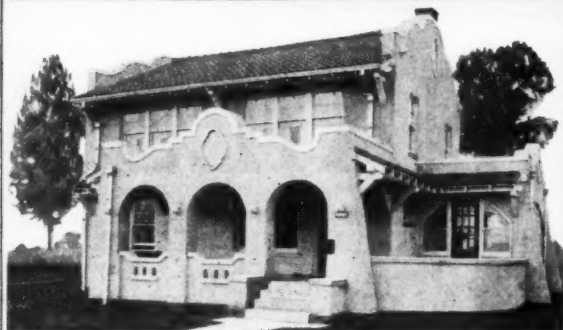
In this open form it is standard equipment on all the new Kissel truck models excepting "The Flyer" Light Delivery Car.



ALL-YEAR CAB IN WINTER.

Showing the winter enclosures, consisting of windshield, side, door and rear windows that are easily attached to open cab.

Hartford, Wis., are just putting out. This is a new adaptation of Kissel's original convertible idea, giving to truck drivers, a closed, warm cab in winter, and which can be easily and quickly changed into the Kissel standard open cab in summer.



### For ANY Home

FOR any home, from a bungalow to a mansion—in fact, for any building, there is no exterior building material so adaptable, so economically durable as time-defying, beautiful, complaint-proof

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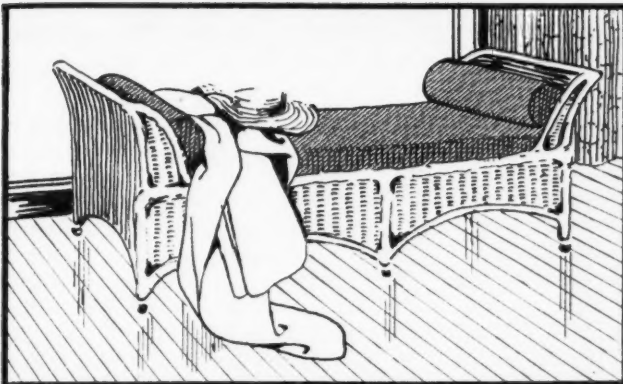
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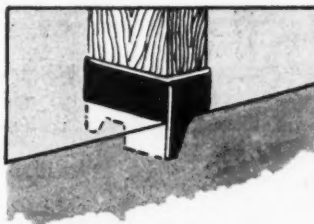
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## New Chevrolet Assembling Plant

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The Administration Building of the Willy's-Overland Company recently erected at Toledo, Ohio, is an excellent example of modern office building architecture. The architects were Mills, Rhines, Bellman and Nordhoff of Toledo, and the contractor was H. J. Specker. The building was in course of construction approximately 18 months.



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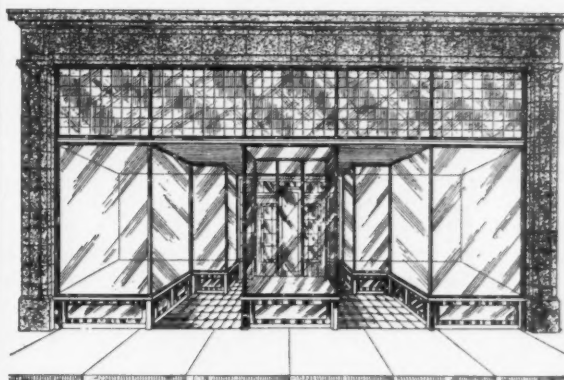
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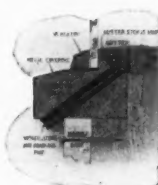
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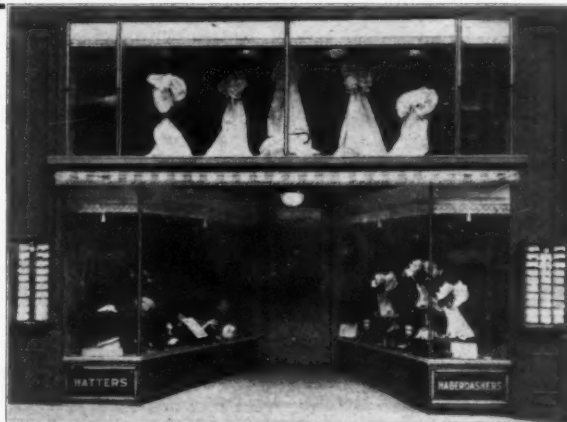
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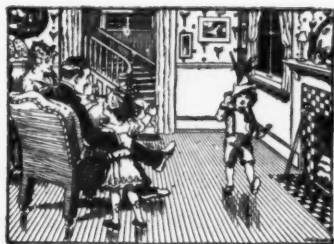
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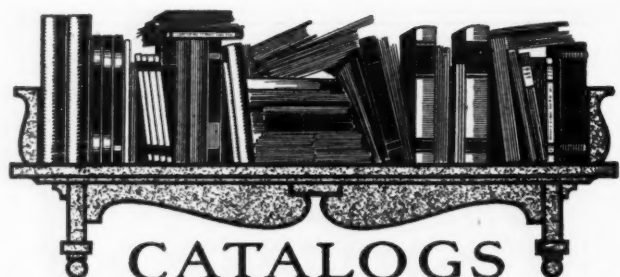
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**The American Universal Floor Surfacers** for all kinds of wood floors is illustrated and described in a 8-page pamphlet, 6 by 9 inches, recently issued by the American Floor Surfacing Machine Company, Toledo, Ohio.

**Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Convention and National Highways Day of the Mid-West Cement Users' Association** are recorded in a book of 84 pages, 6 by 9 inches, published by the association at Omaha, Neb.

**Reforestation on the National Forests**, by C. R. Tillotson, Forest Examiner, is the subject of Bulletin No. 475 of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. This bulletin contains 64 pages, 6 by 9 inches, liberally illustrated.

**Old Homes of Newburyport, Massachusetts**, are presented in Volume III, No. 3, of the White Pine Series of Architectural Monographs, which is a bi-monthly publication of the White Pine Bureau, Saint Paul, Minnesota. There are 16 pages, 8½ by 11 inches, beautifully illustrated.

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**Details of Store Front Construction**, shown in excellent manner and to generous scale, are contained in a folio of the Brasco Manufacturing Company, 1451 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois, manufacturers of the Brasco and Hester store fronts, brass and copper products.

**Underwriters' Hollow Metal Windows and Fireproof Doors** of Herrmann & Grace Company, 671 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N. Y., are illustrated and described in their catalog, 16 pages, 8½ by 11 inches.

**"The Garage Book,"** 16 pages, 6 by 9 inches, is a well illustrated booklet issued by Permanent Buildings Society, Clapp Block, Des Moines, Iowa.

**"Protecting Concrete Work Done in Warm Weather"** is an illustrated pamphlet of 8 pages, 6 by 9 inches, published by Portland Cement Association, 111 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.



### The Low Holds Contractor Responsible

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tion where it would be handy for the carpenters. The Williams boy, a child of seven years of age, with a number of other children living in the neighborhood, was accustomed to play in and about the property where the lumber was piled. One day in October, while the children were playing round the lumber, part of it tumbled and fell on the Williams boy, inflicting injuries which resulted in his death. In the suit which was brought to recover damages, a verdict was given in favor of the child's parents, but the owner appealed from the verdict on the ground that there had been no evidence to show that he knew that piling the lumber in the way he did would attract children, or that it was calculated to entice them to play around it. But the court would not listen to this plea, and said:

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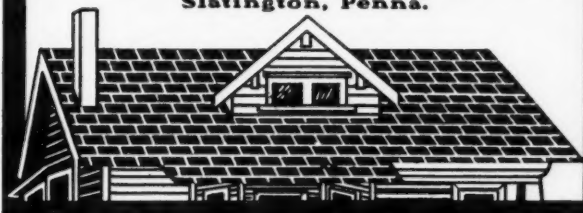
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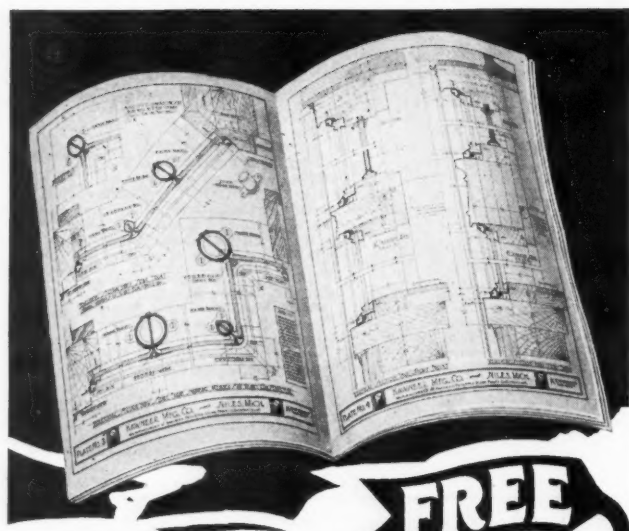
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#### Securing Trim to Hollow Tile

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hole in the front shell of a hollow tile into the air cell the long legs drop down, thereby bringing the cross-piece at right angles to the bolt. This gives a grip on the inside of the hollow tile that nothing but the crushing of the tile, or the breaking of the bolt will shake loose. It is a fastening that will hold any reasonable weight, prove simple to install, effective in use and economical withal.

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### Painting Equipment

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properly. Do not let the brush man simply lay the brushes away in oil each night. This will soon ruin the shape of the brushes, cause the heels to get filled with mealy paint material and will certainly cause a lot of bad humor among the men in a mighty short time. Brushes well taken care of will do good work for years; if the brush man is slack, does not wash out his brushes carefully; is careless in suspending them in the turps pail at night, the item of brushes

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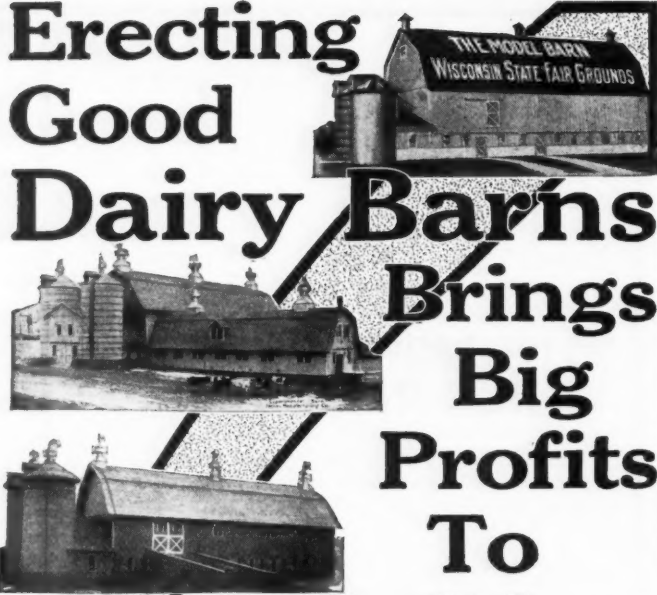
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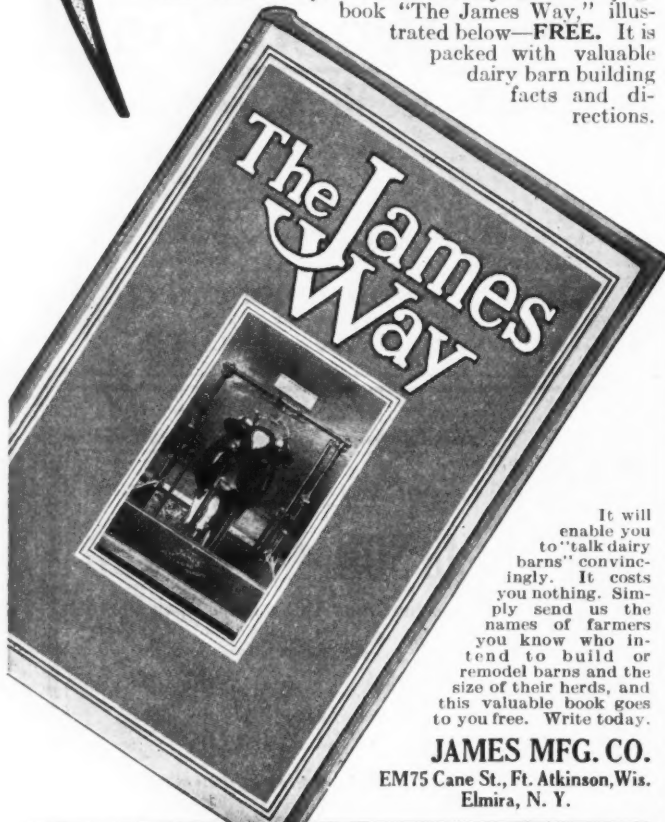
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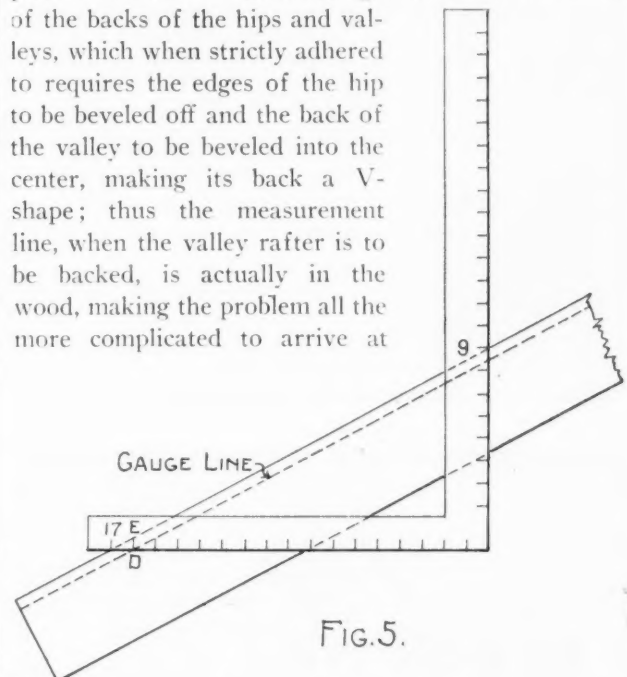


FIG. 5.

from the outer surface of the rafter. The steeper the roof the greater or more pronounced the backing will be; and consequently the error if not understood by the framer, in making the proper allowance.

Fig. 4 shows how the cuts should be under different conditions.

Beginning with the plan of the rafter, the V lines represent the corner for either a hip or valley to rest on.

The vertical dotted line at B represents the corner in either case, the measurement point being directly above that point. The sections 1-2-3-4 represent the position of the rafters under the following conditions:

No. 1, the hip when not backed; No. 2, the hip when backed; No. 3, the valley when not backed; No. 4, the valley when backed.

From this it will be seen that No. 1 sits lower than the others. By tracing the bottom line of the sections down to the seat thence up to the second elevation, you will see just how deep the seat-cut should be for each

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rafter. No. 1 cuts into the C vertical line from the plan, which would make it stand at the right height above the edge of the plate; but in order to make the seat-cut clear the corner of the plate, it is necessary to cut into the vertical lines as at B. No. 2 cuts into the same points as No. 1, but owing to its being backed, the seat cut drops accordingly.

No. 3 cuts into the vertical line at B and in order to clear the edges of the plate, must cut out at the sides to the A vertical line.

No. 4 cuts in the same as the latter, but as much lower than No. 3 as No. 2 is below No. 1.

The distance apart of the outer vertical lines A and C from the plan represents the width of the rafter. Therefore, if the rafter be 2 inches thick, the lines A-B-C would be 1 inch apart and 1 inch set off along the seat cut or a line parallel with it will give the gauge point on the side of the rafter. To make this clearer, see Fig. 5; 17 and 9 give the seat-cut. Now measure back along this line 1 inch from the edge of the rafter which will represent one-half the hip's thickness; this will locate the gauge point for the line from which to remove the wood back to the center line of the hip. The distance E-D shows how far apart the parallel or seat lines should be under the above conditions. This applies to any pitch given the roof, so long as the pitches are regular.

The backing of the hip can be reckoned from the miter of the corner on which the hip rests, because it partakes of the same portion as used on the steel square for obtaining the miter and is as follows:

For the square corner, 12 and 12 give the miter, which everybody knows. Now let one of the twelfths represent one-half of the thickness of the hip and set off a like amount along the seat cut line, as before described in Fig. 5.

For the octagon 5 and 12 give the miter; then set off 5/12 of half its thickness.

Seven and 12 give the hexagon miter (approximate) and 7/12 will be the amount to set off. These figures remain the same regardless of the pitch given the roof, provided it is regular.

Going back to the square cornered roof, let us illustrate this point another way. Suppose the seat-cut is a square cut, then the hip would stand straight up like a corner post, yet the figures as given above would be the proper amount to set off to make the backing conform to the angle of the corner on which the post rests. It is the swing of the seat cut towards the upper edge of the rafter that governs the gauge line on the side of the rafter; and as the pitch is lowered, the nearer the seat line approaches the back or edge of the rafter; and finally when the rafter is clear down, the seat line has disappeared. There are other ways of arriving at the above results, but it matters not what figures or diagrams are used, they are all based on circular measurement, or the divisions of the circle.



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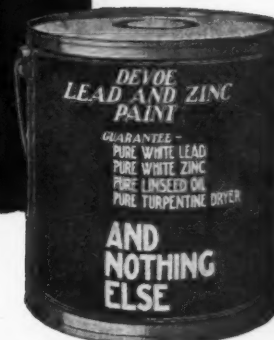
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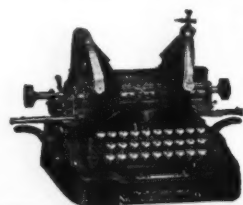
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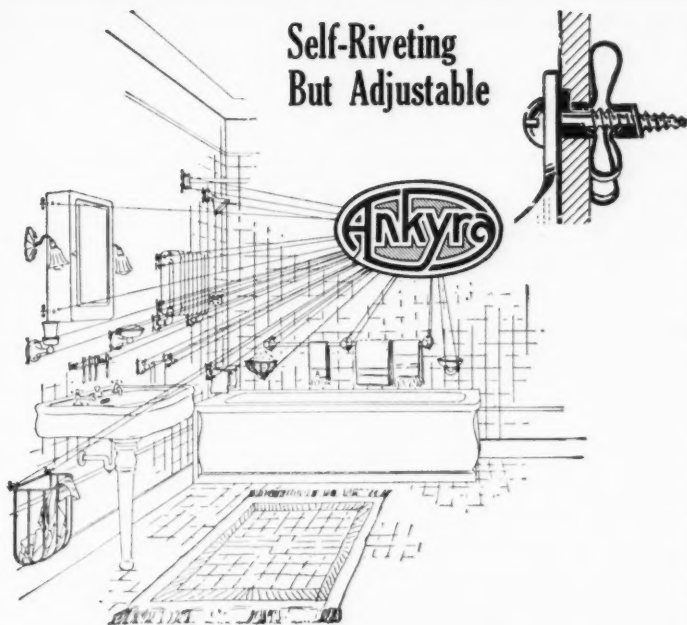
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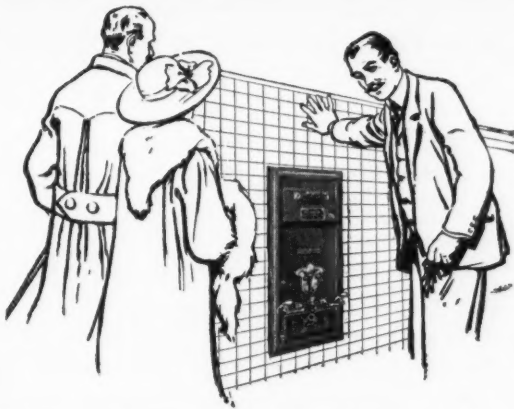
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## Noon Hour Talks by the Boss Carpenter

Hour to Figure a Two-Story Corn Crib and Granary

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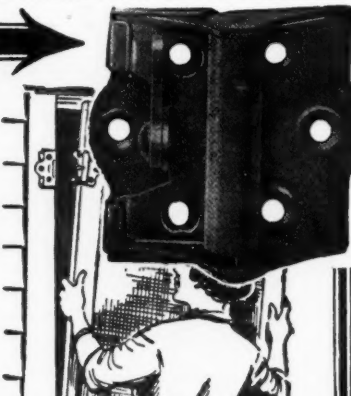
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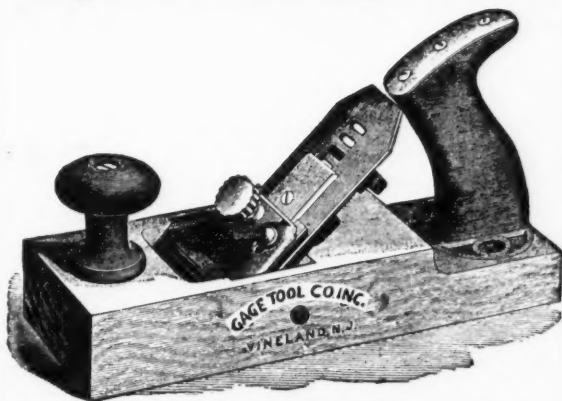
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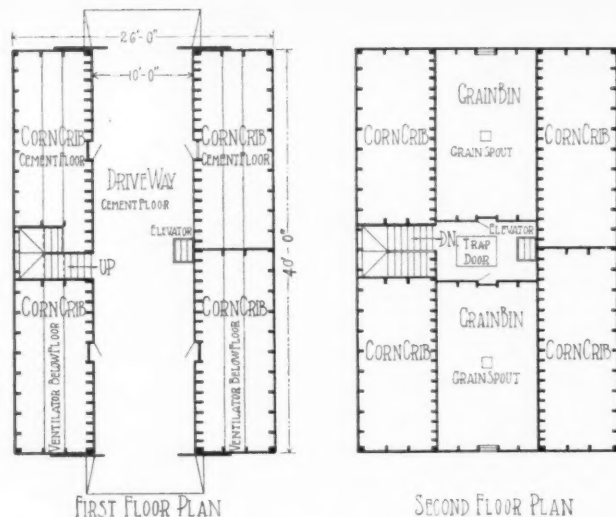


Fig. 1B. Floor Plans of Two-Story Granary Which the Boss Carpenter is Figuring.

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"Experiment and experience has shown that the side pressure on a grain bin wall varies from 3/10 to 6/10 of the vertical pressure at a given depth. In case of doubt or if extreme safety is desired, the vertical pressure can be taken as the weight of the grain on one square foot of floor area at a given depth. In our design, the depth of grain bin is about 11 feet and an allowance of 3 pounds per square inch for vertical pressure should be ample.

"If we assume that these bins are to hold wheat and that the depth is 11 feet, then each square foot of the floor will carry a load of  $3 \times 144 = 432$  pounds. Then each floor beam will carry a uniformly distributed load of 4,320 pounds. Using  $p = 1,000$  pounds per square inch as the strength of No. 1 common yellow pine and assuming that the thickness is to be 3 inches, we will have for our equation,

$$\frac{1,000 \times 1/12 \times 3 \times h^3}{2} = \frac{1}{8} \times 4,320 \times 10 \times 12$$

$$h^2 = 130$$

$$h = 11.4 \text{ inches}$$

While 3 by 12-inch joists would be strong enough to support this floor, it is advisable to use 3 by 14-inch stock to obtain stiffness.

"The bin floor may be made of 1-inch boards laid so as to make a tight floor to prevent leakage of grain.

"The side walls of the grain bin will have to support a part of the roof load and at the same time withstand the lateral pressure of the grain in the bin. If the cribs on the outside are full, a part of the pressure from the inside will be balanced, but this should not be counted on in the design since at times the grain bin may be full and the outside cribs empty.

"If in our bin we assume that the vertical pressure at the 11-foot depth is 432 pounds per square foot of

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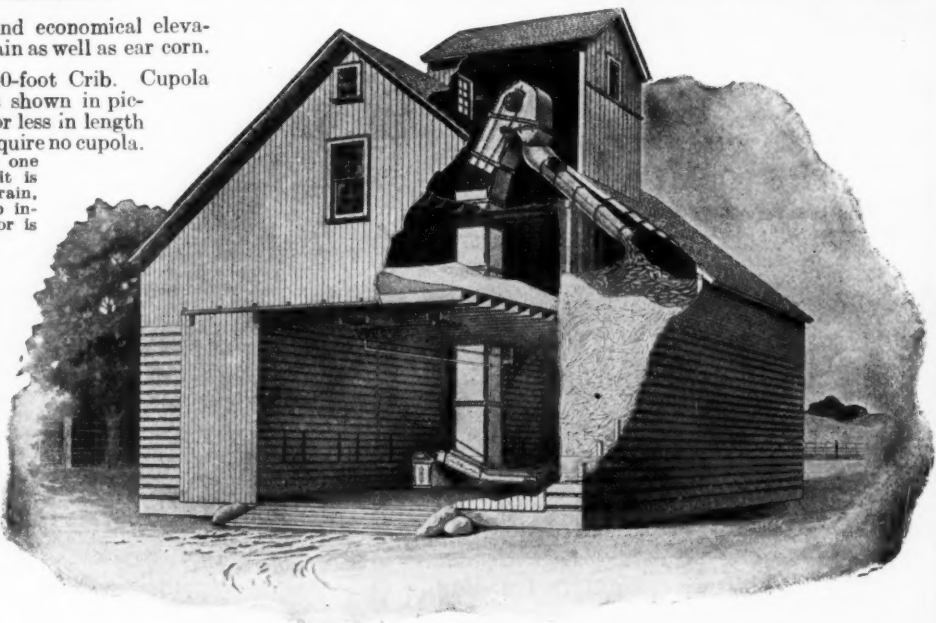
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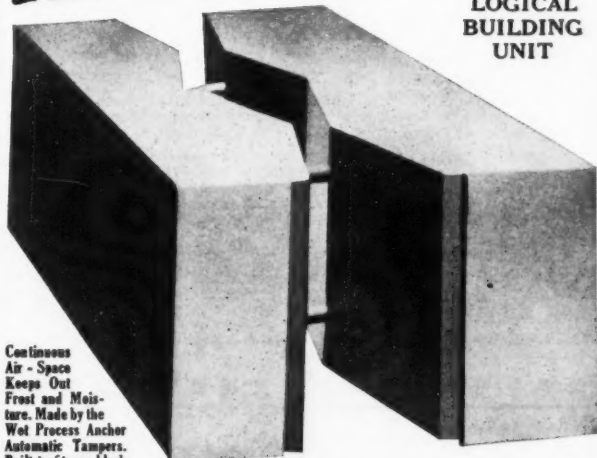
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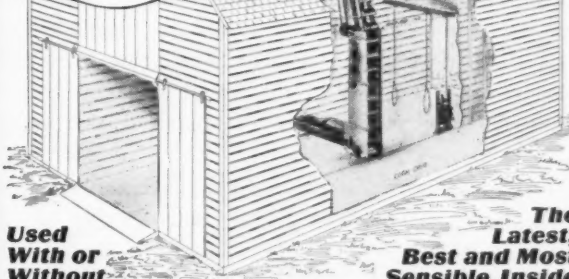


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floor, and that this pressure decreases uniformly upwards along the side of the bin, we will have a triangle of pressure with its center of gravity or point of resultant pressure, at a distance of one-third the height from the bottom of the bin. The total pressure on a strip of wall 1 foot long and 11 feet high will be about  $(11 \times 1) \times (5/10 \times 432) \times 1/2 = 1,188$  pounds, where the ratio of lateral pressure to vertical pressure is taken as 5/10 and the factor of  $1/2$  takes care of the variation caused by the triangular distribution of the load.

"The studs which hold the boards on the side walls of the bin are 14 feet in length and are supported by a roof plate and a plate just over the driveway. These studs are of 2 by 6-inch stock spaced 12 inches on centers, and are tied by 2 by 6-inch ties spaced 4 feet apart, as shown in Fig. 1C. While it is practically impossible to figure the effect of these ties in preventing the walls from bulging, they add largely to the strength and stiffness of the building.

"We can figure the approximate size of the grain bin studding by locating our lateral pressure of 1,188 (call it 1,200) pounds at a height of 4 feet from the bin floor and then finding the maximum bending moment in one of the studs. Since they are spaced 12 inches apart, the pressure carried by one stud is the same as that on 1 foot of length of wall.

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leaves  $(1,200 - 343) = 857$  pounds as the lateral pressure felt by the plate over the driveway. As previously explained, this would make the greatest bending moment in a stud without the 2 by 6-inch ties come at a point about 3 feet up from the floor. Approximating the value of this bending moment by assuming that the pressure of 432 pounds per square foot is constant over this height of 3 feet, we will have

$$M = (857 \times 3) - (432 \times 3 \times 1\frac{1}{2}) \\ = 627 \text{ foot pounds, or } 7,524 \text{ inch pounds.}$$

"Again using No. 1 common yellow pine having a bending strength of 1,000 pounds per square inch, and filling in our bending formula, we have for studs 2 inches thick;

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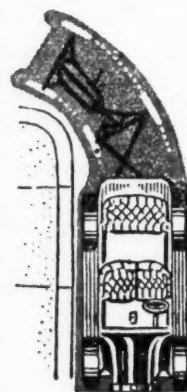
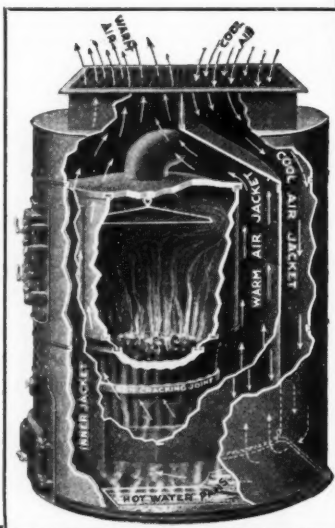
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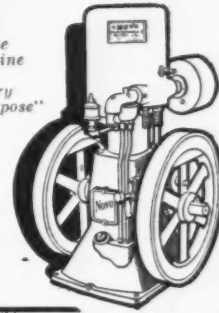
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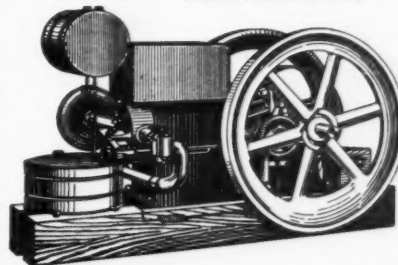
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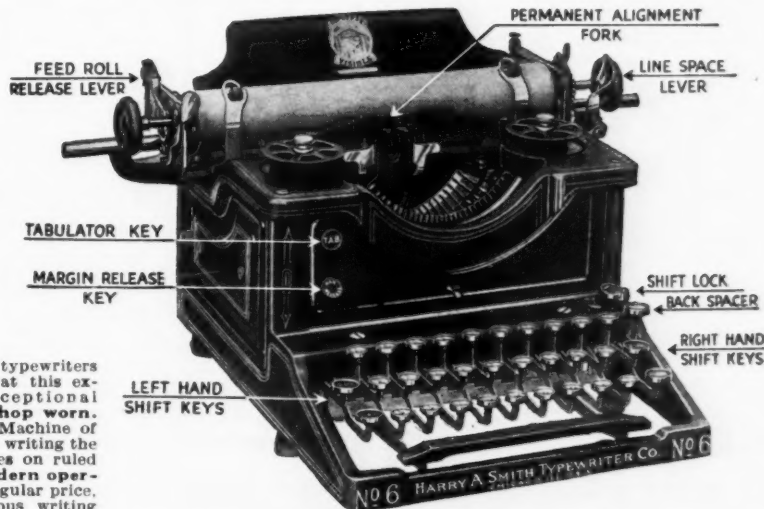
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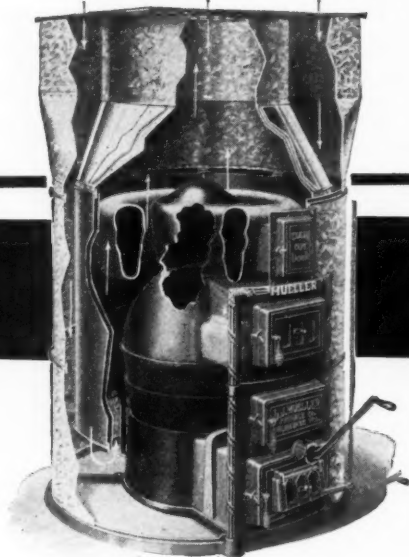
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## Waste Tanbark Now Used to Make Roofing

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## Use of Hydrated Lime in Concrete and Cement Products

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A dense, homogeneous concrete, of course, means a stronger, more dependable concrete, and in that respect hydrated lime may be considered as a factor of safety added in the field. A concrete such as produced by the addition of hydrated lime surrounds the reinforcing steel more perfectly and so adds to its protection against corrosion due to atmospheric or other influences.

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This expansion and contraction has been found to be considerable and is recognized as a patent factor in causing checks, cracks or other defects. Most of these advantages may be easily seen by observing the behavior of concrete during mixing, placing and after the removal of the forms, but there is a process going on in the interior of concrete in which hydrated lime has been used which is of the greatest importance.

Hydrated lime as it is distributed thruout the concrete is in the form of finely distributed colloidal paste and in this state holds a certain amount of water mechanically. After the portland cement has used up the water originally mixed with it, it drains on the water held by the hydrated lime and uses it for further hydration, or, as it is commonly called, curing, which is recognized as very important for the full development of the strength and toughness of concrete and portland cement products.

The facts related led many engineers and architects to include hydrated lime in their concrete specifications, among them departments of the United States government, state highway engineers, county and city engineers of some of our largest cities.

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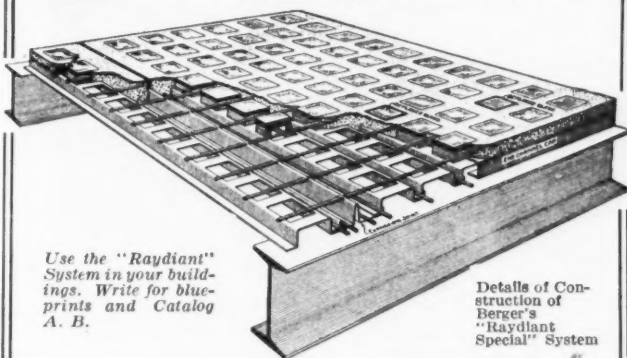
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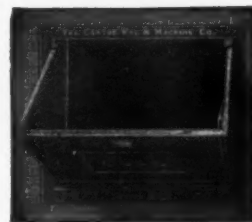


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Some of the most prominent concrete contractors are using it and find its addition an economy instead of an expense.

Hydrated lime has been used so far in about a dozen states in concrete road construction in stretches ranging from one-half to sixteen miles. This is perhaps the most severe service to which concrete may be subjected. It is placed in a horizontal sheet exposed to the action of the elements and the continuous abrasion due to traffic. The results were found uniformly satisfactory.

Cement products are, of course, manufactured mostly by different processes and under different conditions than concrete structures, but the fundamental principles apply to them as well.

The internal lubrication produced by the use of hydrated lime permits easier working of the mixture and this in connection with the void filling properties of hydrated lime results in a dense and more impermeable product of more pleasing and smoother exterior which resists the action of the elements better than products made without its use.

As to the quantity of hydrated lime to be used, that depends on the purpose for which the structure is to be used and the nature of the aggregates, especially of the sand. The following quantities were found to produce a water-tight concrete:

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1:2½:5 concrete, 12 pounds.

1:3:6 concrete, 15 pounds.

In factory made products of semi-wet or dry mixtures every plant can best determine their own proportion according to the materials available and the purpose the products are to serve. The usual practice varies between 5 and 10 pounds hydrated lime per sack of cement, altho one of the most successful manufacturers of wet cast artificial stone uses as much as 15 pounds.

The addition of hydrated lime in the field is very simple, and is added just like all other materials. As it weighs about 40 pounds per cubic foot, one 8-quart pailful weighs approximately 10 pounds.

No hard and fast rules can be laid down for the method to be used in cement products plants, as that will depend entirely on the layout and the equipment and methods used in each individual plant.

In closing, I may be permitted to mention the rapid growth of the use of hydrated lime. This may be judged from the latest government reports, which show that 120,000 tons more of this commodity were used in 1916 than during the previous year. The meaning of this will be appreciated if we consider that ten years ago one whole year's total output was barely as much as the increase of last year's.

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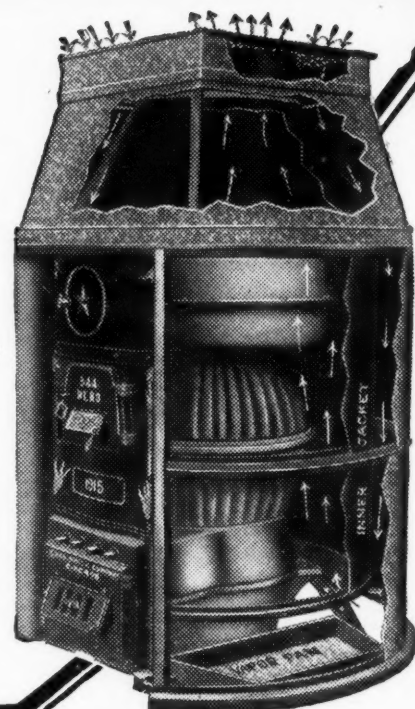
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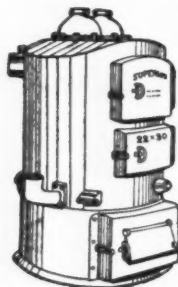
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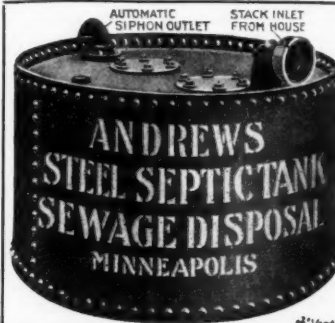
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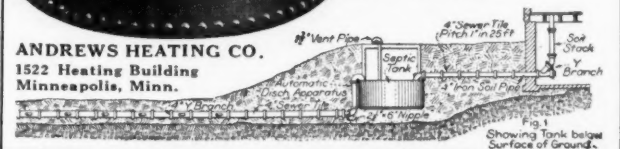
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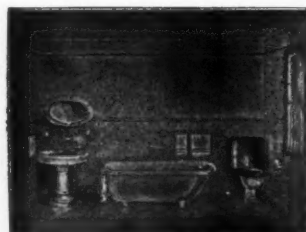
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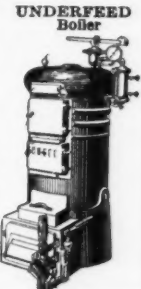
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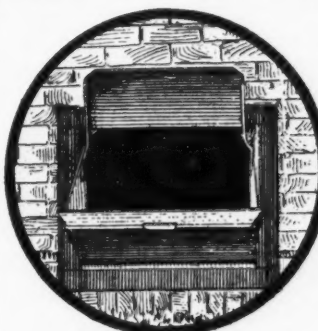
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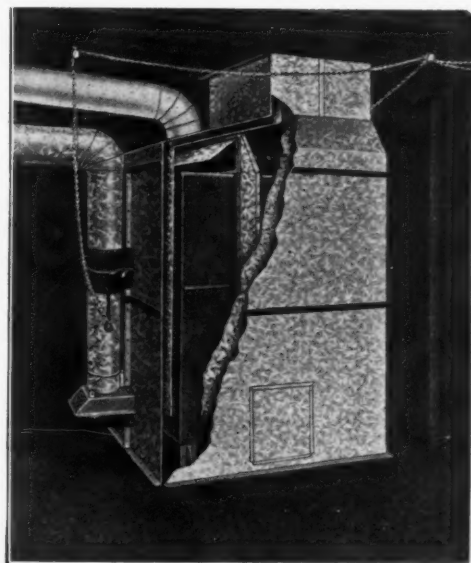
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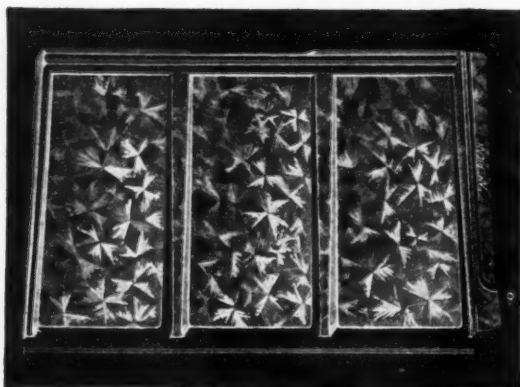
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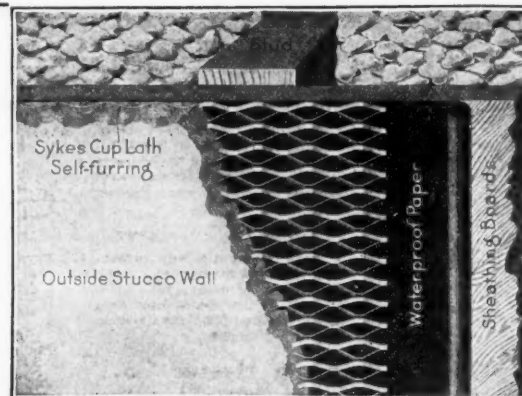
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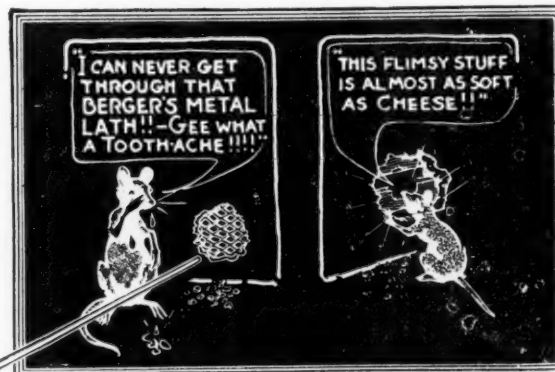
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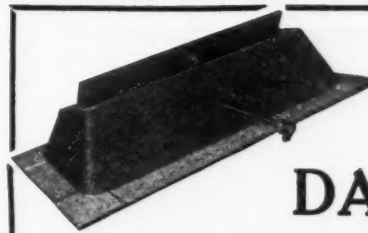
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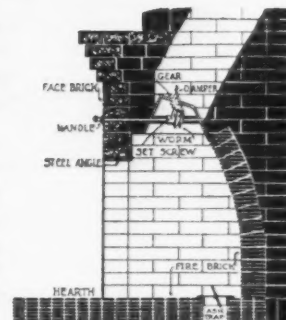
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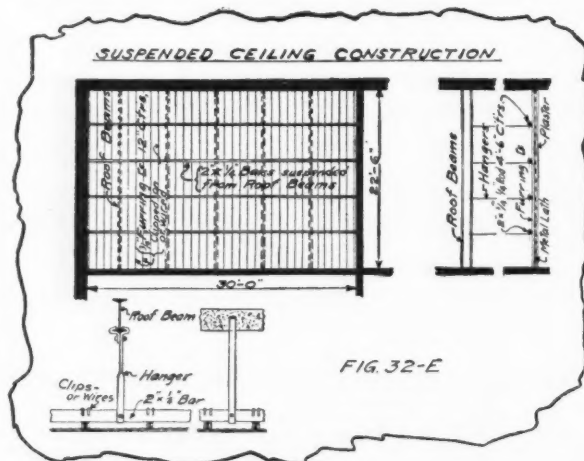
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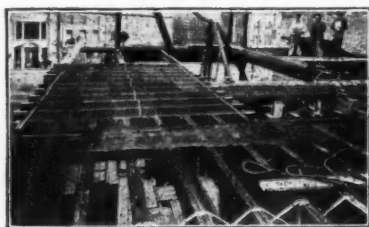
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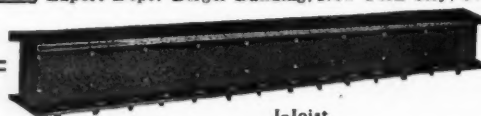
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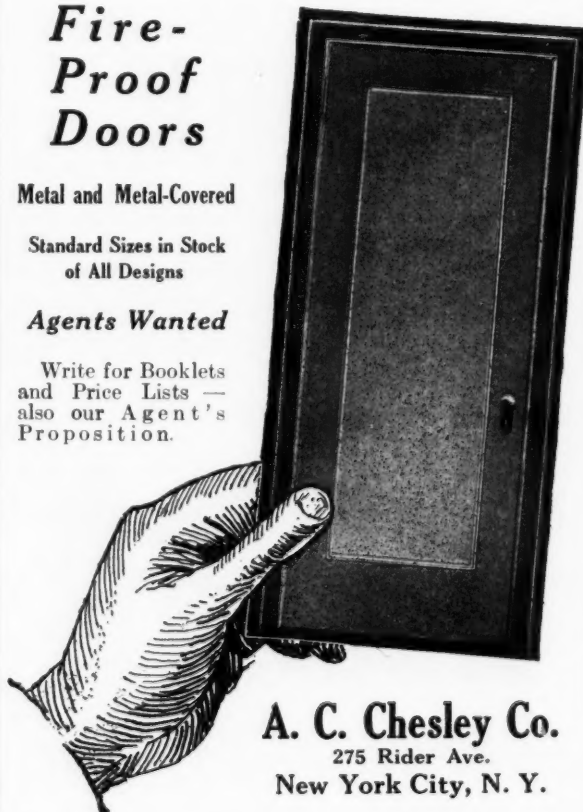
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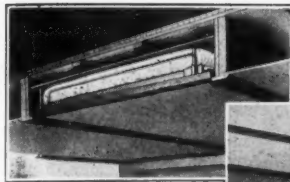
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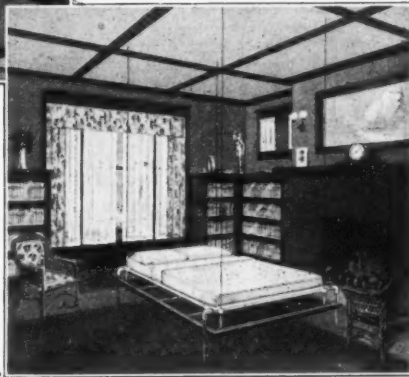


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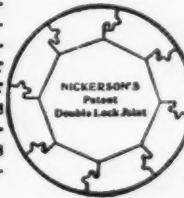
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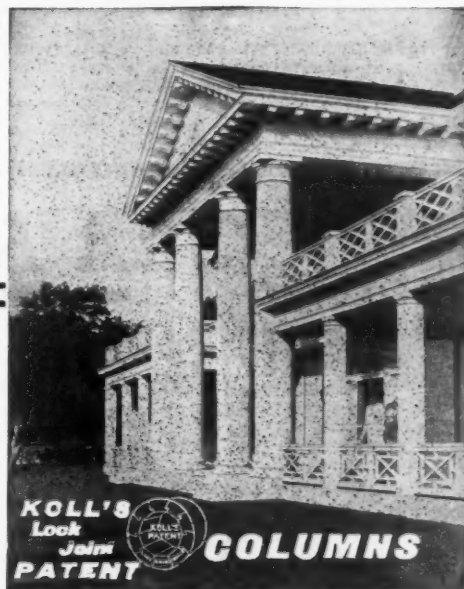
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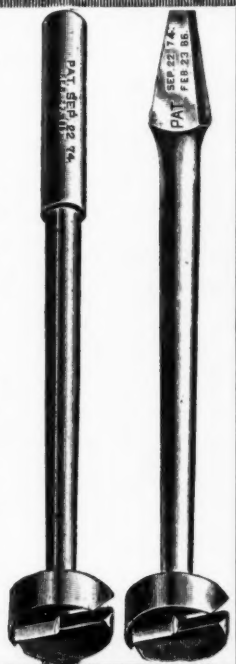
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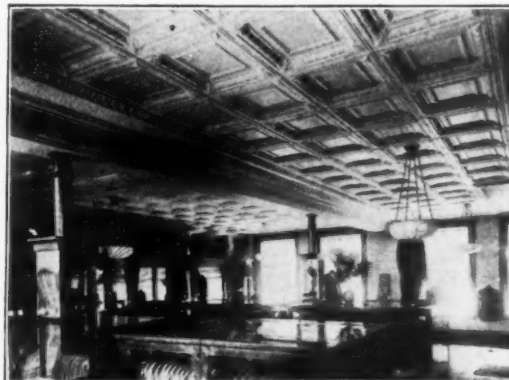
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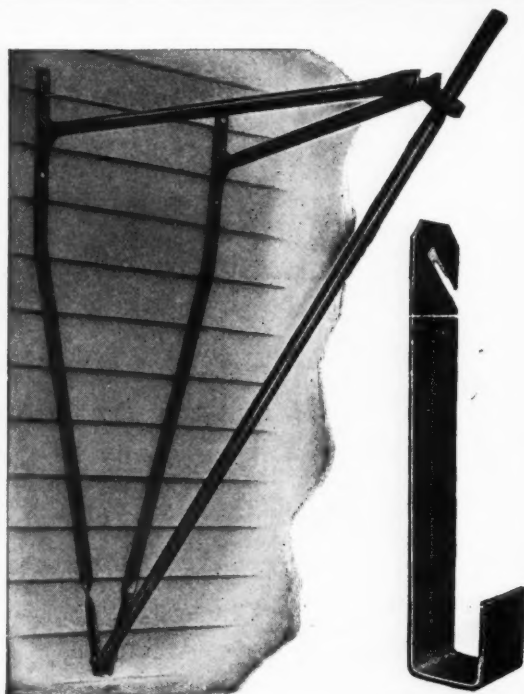
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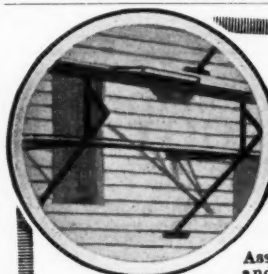
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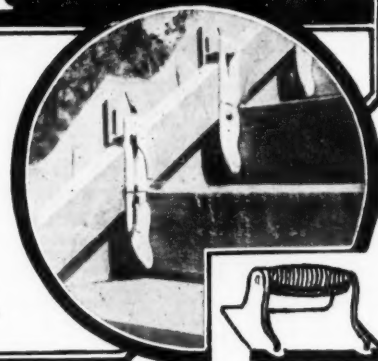
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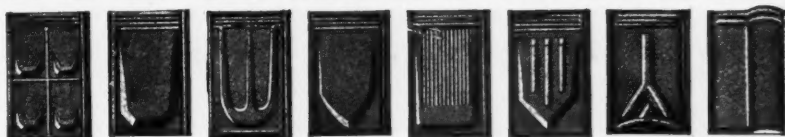
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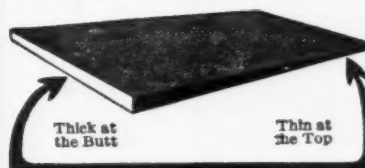
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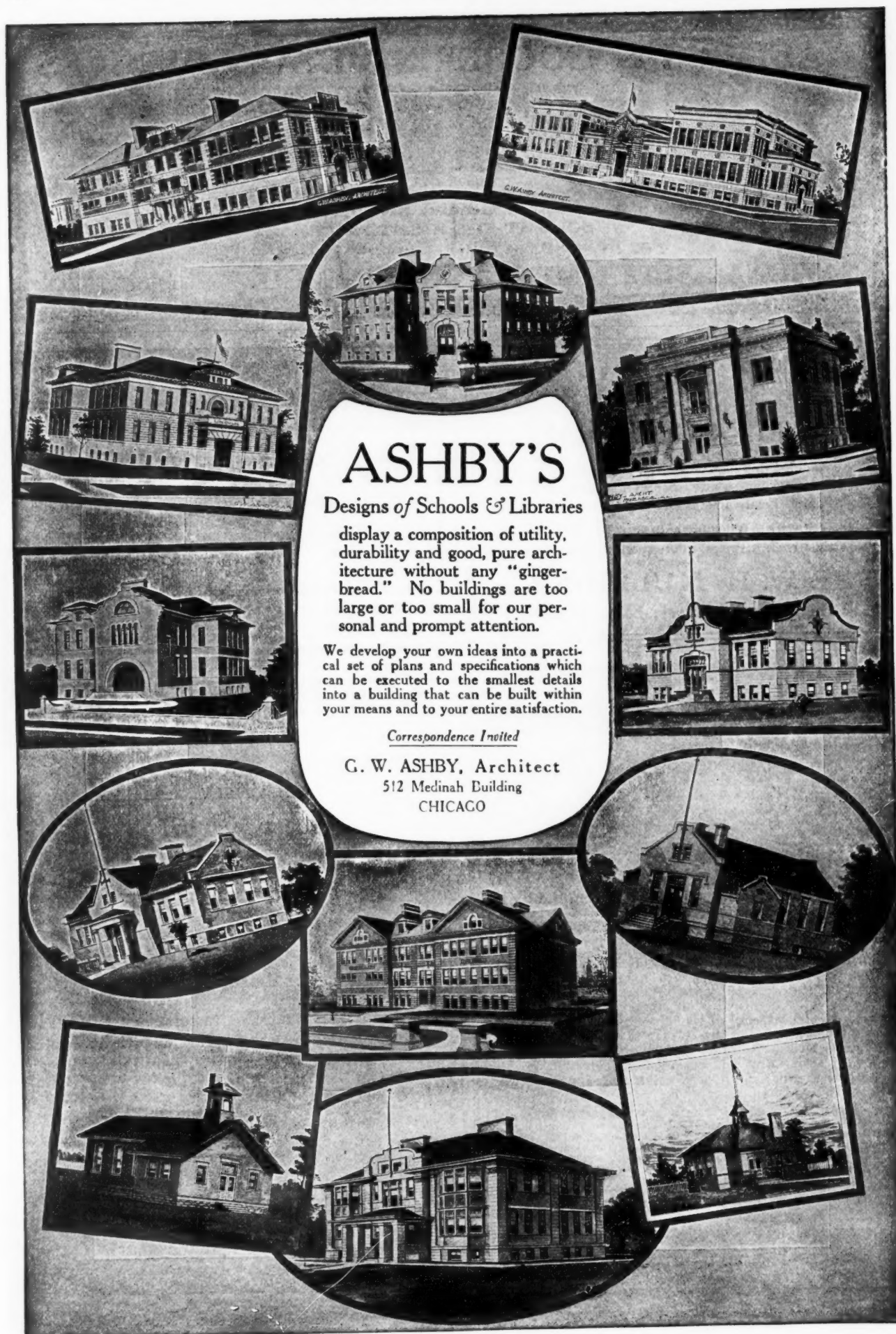
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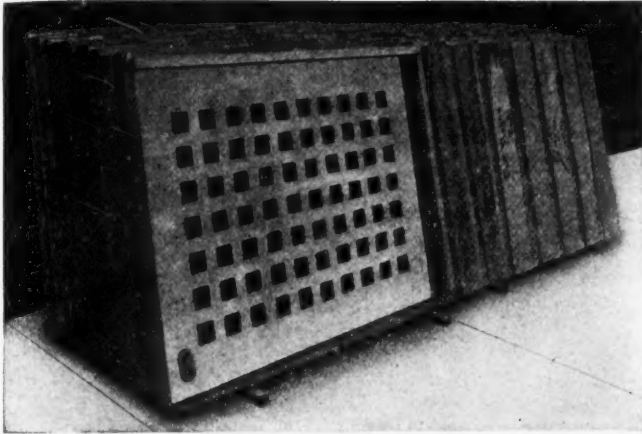
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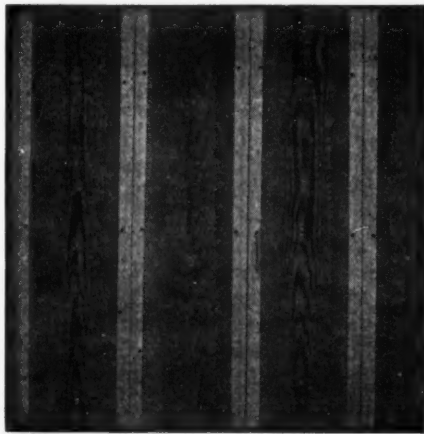
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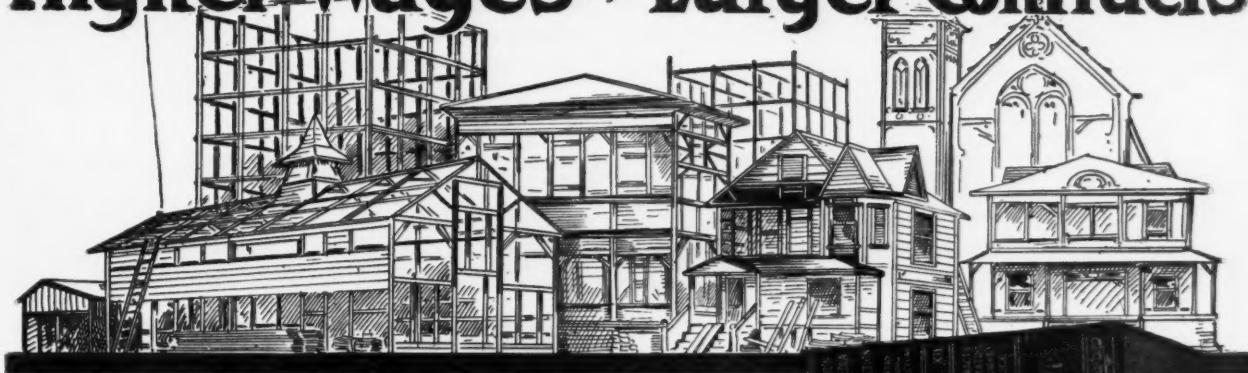
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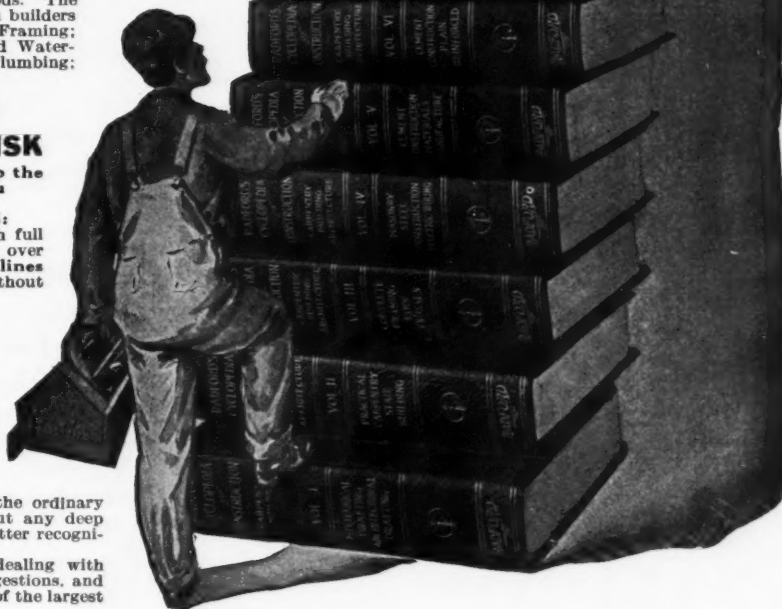
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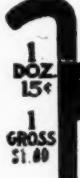
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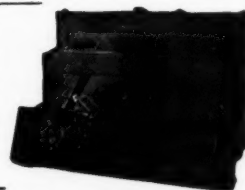
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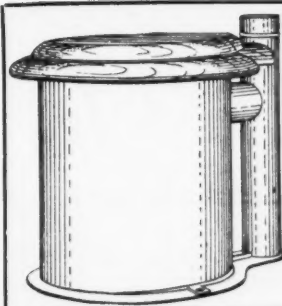
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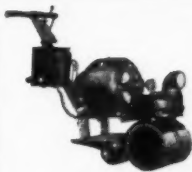
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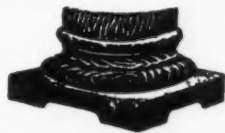
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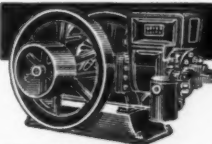
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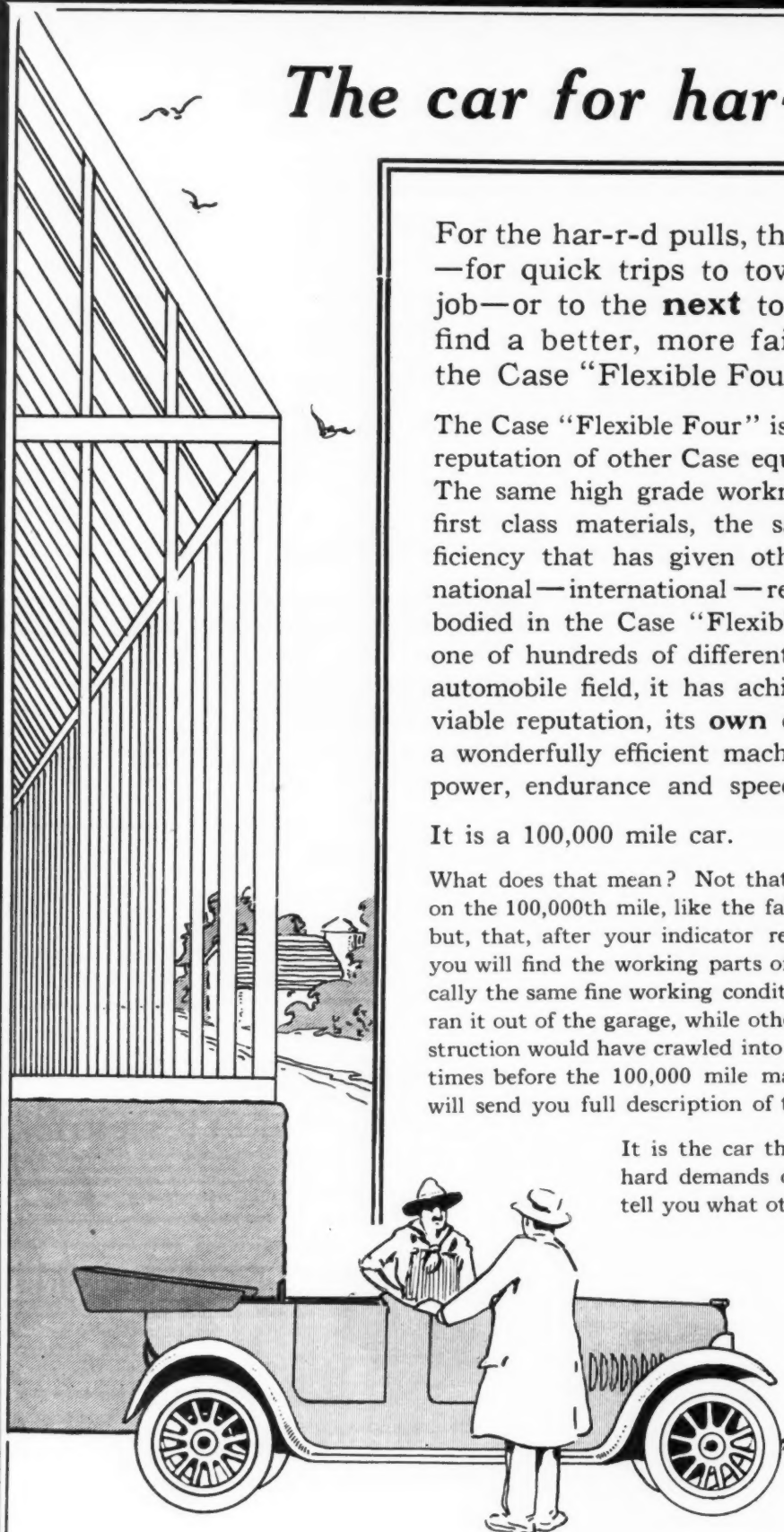
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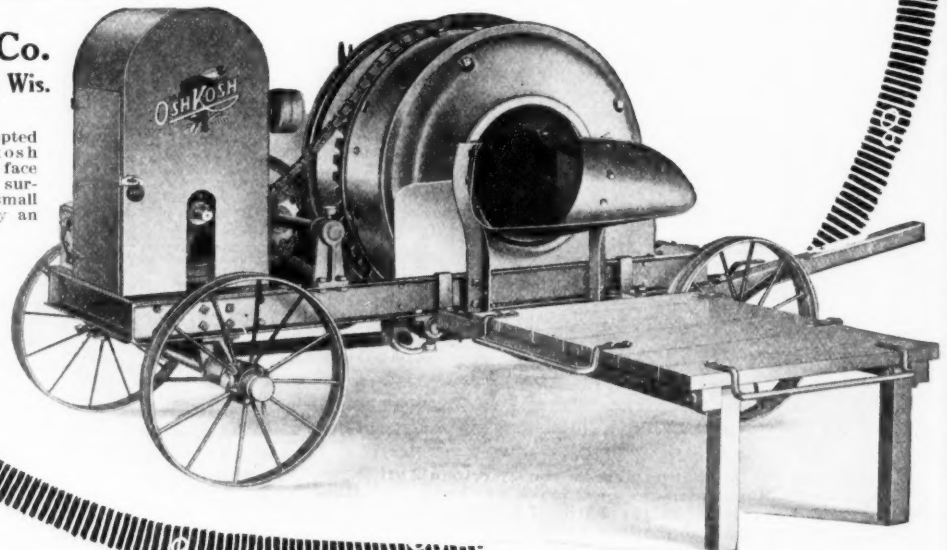
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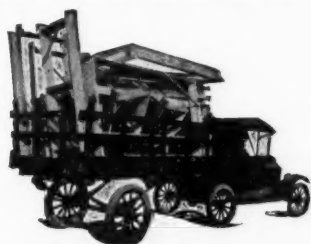
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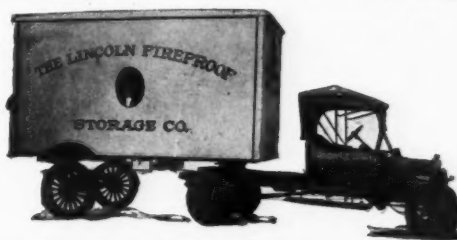
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